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Lifetime Achievement Award for Dizu Plaatjies of Amampondo fame

Neo-traditional African musician Dizu Plaatjies and head of African Music: Practical Studies at the University of Cape Town's (UCT) South African College of Music, has been awarded a ministerial Lifetime Achievement Award by the Western Cape Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport (DCAS).

Dizu, a founder and former leader of KwaLanga marimba group Amampondo, is a College of Music alumnus and has now returned to lecture. Amampondo put traditional South African music on the international map in the 1980s.

On leaving Amampondo, he started a new ensemble, Ibuyambo, with which he has toured the world for the past decade. He and Ibuyambo are the recipients of two South African Music Awards (SAMAs), for the albums *African Kings* and *Ubuntu – The Common String*.

The DCAS hosts the awards annually to recognise and celebrate cultural, linguistic and heritage excellence in the province.

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Dizu Plaatjies, head of African Music: Practical Studies at UCT

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