

## JamMecca

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Jam Mecca is a project group, made up of changing combinations of musicians that explore musical idioms from jazz to hip hop and almost anything in between, generally under the production of Howard Butcher. If there's anything consistent about it perhaps it's the world music approach. Jam Mecca's first recording was a set of live material the group played at Harry B's, eight shows part of the 2001 Nederberg Arts Festival. The recordings contain anomalies, both from a technical and performance perspective, but they are an intriguing reference to the head spaces that prevailed amongst the musicians at the time. Significantly the guitarist, Ben Bardenhorst, was a mere 13 and the drummer, James K, 19 when Howard recorded this, his head cocked to the ear piece of headset while playing bass and mixing the house sound

[Simon van der Merwe](#)

Jam Mecca has played a number of festivals in South Africa, similar to the Summer Sessions presented by Peace of Eden. In early 2001 they played the Savannah Up The Creek Festival and the Nederberg Arts Festival. In 2002 they were invited back to play Up The Creek again but since then the groups activities have been restricted to jam sessions at the recording studio in Rheenendal, at Peace of Eden.

The artwork for the album was put together by Tobias, a pencil sketcher from Antwerp who was



### STATS

Visits	Plays
706	83
Streams	Downloads
79	4

### Featured Songs



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Other



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Other

recording through Peace of Eden at

passing through Peace of Eden at the time, intending only to stay for a night but ending up entrenched for months. It was a time characterized by evening meals of leafy summer salads, crispy white wine and dramatic sun sets often followed by lengthy philosophical debates. The album depicts the façade of the Harry B' s venue, an eighteenth century historical building in the centre of King's Co.

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