



## PLATTELAND SOUNDTRACK FULL OF HITS

*Platteland*, set to be the biggest Afrikaans musical drama to date, when it opens on circuit next month. The soundtrack accompanying the release of the film is certain to be one of the year's top sellers.

The soundtrack features 23 songs, some specially adapted and re-recorded for the film, as well as two bonus music videos.

The film tells the story of Riana van Niekerk (Lianie May) who is desperately fighting to save her family's farm from Mike Ferreira (Steve Hofmeyr). He has his own agenda and is determined to drive Riana from the land and seize her farm. When Dirk Pretorius (Bok van Blerk), a drifter with many secrets of his own, arrives in town, new alliances are formed and love blossoms in unexpected ways.

Other big names appearing in the film and on the soundtrack include Jay and Karlien van Jaarsveld who play Mike Ferreira's children and Vaughan Gardiner who plays the role of Riana's brother Wian.

Lianie May garnered the 2008 Sama Award for top selling album for her debut album *Vergeet My Nie*. Her second album *Boeremeisie* was also a massive success. Her hits 'n Engel Huil, *Vergeet My Nie* and *Die Een Wat Jy Wil He Jou Nie Wil He Nie* are featured on the soundtrack.

Bok van Blerk took the music scene by storm with his 2007 hit *De la Rey* and proved he is here to stay by garnering the 2009 Sama Award for the album *Afrikanerhart*. His hits *Tyd om te Trek*, '98 Chevy, *Seilvis Skoffel* and *My Kreet* all feature on the soundtrack as well as *Pa en Seun*, the rousing duet with Steve Hofmeyr. *Bring Alles Wat Jy Het*, a new Bok and Steve duet was written specifically for the film and seems set to be one of the year's big hits.

A new version of Hofmeyr's *Deur Jou Vingers Val* was recorded for the film. He also sings *Baas van die Plaas*, a reworking of the lyrics of Amanda Strydom's *Ek Kan Rock in My Taal*.

Jay shot to fame as a member of Eden, but has distinguished himself as a solo performer. His songs *Melanie* and *Soms* appear on the soundtrack as well as Eden's *Is Jy bang?* And *Toe Stop My Hart*, a duet with Lianie May.

Vaughan Gardiner has not only proved himself as a solo performer, but also as an actor and singer in musicals such as *Jock of the Bushveld – The Musical* and most recently *Tree Aan!* His hits *Dit Raak Net Beter*, *Ver Van Jou*, *Dis Hoe Jy* and *Vir Jou* also appear on the soundtrack along with a new version of Eden's *As Ek Voor Jou Breek*.

Karliën van Jaarsveld shone at this year's Tempo Awards where she garnered favourite newcomer and favourite pop album awards. Two of her most popular hits, *Sweet Dreams* and *Lief vir Jou Geraak*, appear have been included on the soundtrack.

One of Bobby van Jaarsveld's biggest hits, *Net Vir Jou*, is also on the soundtrack. The two videos on the soundtrack are *Pleister vir My Hart* by Lianie May and *Bring Alles Wat Jy Het* by Steve Hofmeyr and Bok van Blerk.

Produced by Philo Pieterse (*Lipstiek Dipstiek*, *Circles in the Forrest / Kringe in 'n Bos*) and Sean Else, and written by Else and multiple award winning playwright Deon Opperman, *Platteland* is also directed by Else (*Ons vir Jou*, *Jock of the Bushveld – The Musical*) who has already won a number of awards as a video director. *Platteland* was filmed in Vrede and Verkykerskop and will be released by Indigenous Film Distribution.

“The story of a woman who is trying to save her family’s farm from an unscrupulous man is likely to resonate with an Afrikaans audience,” says Helen Kuun, CEO of Indigenous Film Distribution. “It’s made even more appealing by the fact that it features so many popular artists and musicians performing some of the most-loved songs of recent years.”

Platteland releases at cinemas nationally on 25 November 2011.

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