

The Base
88 Shortmarket Street
Cape Town 8001.
Sunday 3 June 1990:

- IN MEMORY OF CHRIS MCGREGOR -

We are very saddened to learn that Cape Town jazz pianist, Chris McGregor, passed away in France last week. Chris left South Africa with his band "The Blue Notes" in 1963, and has remained in exile since then. He returned to Cape Town in 1987, to participate in the Carling Jazz Legends concert in Greenmarket Square, and after that show, we were privileged to have him attending this venue.

Jazz enthusiasts and musicians have long awaited the return of our exiled musicians, and Chris McGregor was somebody who would have greatly enriched the local scene, were he able to have fulfilled his plans to return home in the near future.

We had considered organizing a special tribute for Chris McGregor, but since the Sunday night had already been booked for the "Big Blow", we trust that patrons of the club and friends of Chris will see this evening's performance as a fitting memorial.

In particular, we send our condolences to Chris' wife and children, and to the members of his band, brotherhood of Breath.

Yours,

Club staff and artists performing tonight.