

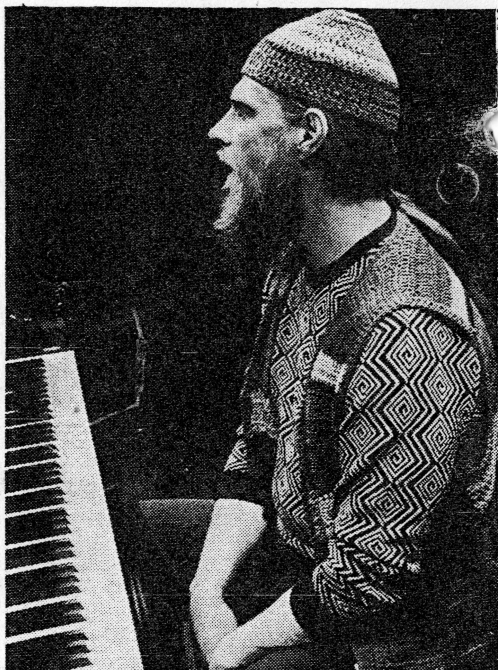
AFRICAN BREATH STRIKES DERBY

Chris McGregor, ex-patriate South African pianist and leader of one of the loosest and most riotous Big Bands since Count Basie left the Reno Club, steers his famed **Brotherhood of Breath** into Derby Albion Rooms on Wednesday 26th October for the sole Midlands Concert on their National Tour.

McGregor, who has been championing the romping South African kwela style for over twenty years, now lives in France and visits this country infrequently. The early Brotherhoods were celebrated for 'wild enthusiasm teetering (usually) just on the right side of chaos,' and outstanding soloists like John Surman and Alan Skidmore. The current 16 piece edition includes African, British and French musicians as well as two drummers.

And the African sound gets a second airing in Derby on Wednesday December 7th with a visit from Julian Bahula's highly popular 'Jazz Afrika' featuring guitarist Lucky Ranku and pianist Mervyn Afrika.

For full Derby dates — see calendar.



"Chris McGregor at Derby with the Brotherhood."