

Concerts by a 'Formidable' Jazz Group

AFTER spending 18 months on the Rand, Chris McGregor, the Cape Town jazz pianist and arranger, is back here on a short visit with his group the Blue Notes, to give concerts at the Weizmann Hall, Sea Point, to-night and on Tuesday, June 16, and at the Rondebosch Town Hall to-morrow night.

INVITED TO FRANCE

Mr. McGregor's group, consisting of Dudu Pukwana and Nick Moyake (saxophones), Mongezi Feza (trumpet), Louis Moholo (drums) and Johnny Dyani (bass), have been invited to play at the fifth International Jazz Festival to be held in the south of France in July, and if able to accept will be assured of a good hearing, for the festival is covered by radio and television services throughout Europe and North America.

Formed as it now stands after the National Jazz Festival in Johannesburg last September, where Chris McGregor led another prizewinning group, the Blue Notes ensemble played in Johannesburg clubs till three months ago, when it set out on a pioneering jazz-trail which attracted capacity audiences in Queenstown, Durban, Maritzburg, East London, Port Elizabeth and smaller towns.