

Big blow at The Base

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THE Big Blow hits Cape Town this evening when five of the city's top saxophonists will jam together.

Taking part in the sax extravaganza at The Base tonight will be Ezra Ngcukana, Basil Coetzee, Greg Telian, Robbie Jansen and Winston Mankunku Ngozi.

The players will each deliver a selection of material, backed by Spencer Mbadu and his band, before going on stage together for a super sax jam session.

Word has it that tonight's entertainment will be, on a quiet level, a tribute to the late Chris McGregor, famous South African jazz pianist who died in France on Saturday without fulfilling his wish of returning home after more than 20 years in self-imposed exile.

Wednesday is reggae night at The Base, Thursday night is for fans of "alternative" music, and next weekend pop band Wired to the Floor plays from Friday to Sunday.