

arts & entertainment

THE BREAKERS TO PERFORM TODAY AT SAVANNAH CENTER

The Breakers, which was founded by Tom Smith in 2018, will pay tribute to the rocking sounds and emotions of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers when it performs at 7 p.m. today at Savannah Center. Tickets start at \$25 and are available at any Villages Box Office location or at thevillagesentertainment.com.



Celebrity Spotlight on ... Vanessa Bryant

Kobe Bryant's widow will be recognized as one of the leading women in sports at an event during Super Bowl week. She will be honored at the third annual Sports Power Brunch: Celebrating the Most Powerful Women in Sports on Feb. 8 in Beverly Hills, California. (AP)

THUR. Today is Thursday, Feb. 3, the 34th day of 2022.
03 There are 331 days left in the year.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

- » Actor **Bridget Hanley** is 81.
- » Actor **Blythe Danner** is 79.
- » Singer-guitarist **Dave Davies** is 75.
- » Singer **Melanie** is 75.
- » Actor **Morgan Fairchild** is 72.
- » Actor **Pamela Franklin** is 72.
- » Actor **Nathan Lane** is 66.
- » Rock musician **Lee Ranaldo** is 66.
- » Actor **Thomas Calabro** is 63.
- » Actor-director **Keith Gordon** is 61.
- » Actor **Michele Greene** is 60.
- » Country singer **Matraca Berg** is 58.
- » Actor **Maura Tierney** is 57.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1913:** The 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, providing for a federal income tax, was ratified.
- 1959:** Rock 'n' roll stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson died in a small plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa.
- 1966:** The Soviet probe Luna 9 became the first manmade object to make a soft landing on the moon.

Nobuntu Leads By Example for Women Around the World

By LIZ COUGHLIN | Daily Sun Senior Writer

The five women of Nobuntu stood together on the spacious Sharon stage with just microphones and Zimbabwean instruments at their feet. But the a cappella quintet is not one to be underestimated, with a powerful sound and message that easily moved audience members at its performance on Tuesday. Duduzile Sibanda, Zanele Manhenga, Heather Dube, Thandeka Moyo and Joyline Sibanda performed an assortment of gospel, original songs and traditional Zimbabwean songs with messages of kindness, encouragement and hope.

Nobuntu is blazing a path as an all-female Imbube singing group, a genre is almost entirely comprised of men, and achieving the sound with bass, baritone, alto and soprano parts and a clear ear for tight harmonies.

For that sound, the group was nominated for Best Musician of the Year at the Zimbabwe International Women's Awards in 2015 and won Outstanding Imbube Group at the Bulawayo Arts Awards in 2017 and 2019.

The group celebrated its successes with the song "Obabes Bembube," or "the babes of Imbube" in English, a name

affectionately given to them by fans.

Through its example and its music, the group encourages more girls to say "it can be done." Its songs touch on the issues like abuse affecting women and people around the world.

With mournful cries the group brought out the emotion in "Moya Moya," a song about a woman lamenting her inability to have children.

Many of the songs, like "Nobuntu Click Song," included whistles and clicks typical of Zimbabwean languages like



India Pantin | Daily Sun

Nobuntu, an a cappella all-female Imbube group from Zimbabwe, performs Tuesday at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center.

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DUDUZILE SIBANDA
Nobuntu

Ndebele, which the group gave the audience a chance to try out for

themselves with a repeat-after-me exercise.

With its first album, "Thina," the group said "here we are," said Duduzile Sibanda.

With its most recent album "Obabes Bembube," and 10 years together as a group, "we finally said, "Thank God, the heavens have opened — we're not there yet, but we see where we're going," she told the audience.

And the audience was left wanting to follow them.

"I think it was very entertaining, and I learned something as well about their culture and country," said Sharon Bourges-Jones, of Ocala. "I didn't miss any instruments because they were able to produce the sounds with a cappella."

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