

# Throwback: Hugh Masekela - Grazing In The Grass



[youtube id="UKcGC0bEb28"] South African trumpeter Hugh Masekela was the first person to record Philemon Hou's "Grazing In The Grass" for his 1968 album, *The Promise Of A Future*. It was Masekela's previous recording, "Mr. Bull No.5" that inspired Hou to write "Grazing In The Grass." The song introduced Masekela to his biggest American audience and was a rare instance of an instrumental song going to number 1. Masekela's versatility as a player lies in his ability to play flawless bebop as well as being able to meld jazz and pop into something soulful. He's experimented with different styles including his dance recording, "Don't Lose It Baby." Masekela has recorded over 20 albums in his 50-year career, released his autobiography, won 2 Grammys and 2 honorary doctorates.