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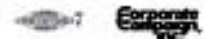
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Throughout the history of America's only true original art form, jazz has been linked to the concepts of freedom and justice. Max Roach's "We Insist: Freedom Now Suite" was a benchmark in bringing jazz into the fight for freedom. The very idea of Bop was developed by Dizzy, Bird, Monk, et al, to stand up to injustice and inequality. Charlie Haden's Liberation Music Orchestra recorded "Nkosi Sikelel'i Afrika," the African National Congress Anthem, and "We Shall Overcome." Charlie Mingus wrote "Fables of Faubus," a song that bitterly attacked racism and "Oh Lord Don't Let Them Drop That Atom Bomb On Me."

Since all evidence shows that Coca-Cola is a corporate system full of lies, deception, immorality, corruption and gross human rights, labor and environmental abuses, the world of jazz should not lend its name and credibility to Coca-Cola, nor serve as a marketplace or venue for its advertising.

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