

# THE LUCKY SPECIALS



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*“The Lucky Specials delivers a sensational musical journey with a powerful message.”*

– USAID

**TITLE** THE LUCKY SPECIALS

**DURATION** 1X100

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From the producers of the widely-acclaimed movie “Inside Story” comes a new feature-length film, **THE LUCKY SPECIALS**, a highly entertaining musical drama about a band’s journey to create a new musical sound and catapult their small-time group to the big stage.

**THE LUCKY SPECIALS** is set in South Africa and Mozambique, and using some of the most popular music from the region, the film weaves a dramatic storyline with important public health information about how to prevent and treat tuberculosis, one of the most prevalent infectious diseases in southern Africa.

The Lucky Specials are a cover band in a dusty town in southern Africa. Mandla

[Oros Mampofu (Skeem Saam)] is a miner by day and plays lead guitar for The Lucky Specials by night. He dreams of making it big in the music industry. When tragedy strikes the band, Mandla and their friend Nkanyiso (Sivenathi Mabuya) struggle to hold everything together.

Produced by Discovery Learning Alliance and Quizzical Pictures in association with HHMI Tangled Bank Studios, with support from Wellcome Trust, Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI), and USAID and PEPFAR through Management Sciences for Health (MSH), **THE LUCKY SPECIALS** entertains millions around the world with its dynamic storyline, new brand of African music, and a unique look at tuberculosis.



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