

Mapumba

A name that evokes rich musicality and a sense of the unheard, yet familiar sounds of the African continent. With 2 great albums and a string of international performances, Mapumba's voice and musical uniqueness continues to be exposed to the masses.

The sound:

African rumba smeared with various central African melodic sounds. Singing in four main languages namely, French, English Swahili and Chiluba. This multi lingual approach just lends itself to an even more worldly musical experience with mapumba.

So a reggae song in Chiluba, a funky tune in Swahili or a Mutwashi number in English, is still guaranteed to please the ears with his guitar and voice.

Instruments:

Whether solo or with his trio (Mapumba, percussion and Base guitar), Mapumba sings and serenades with an acoustic steal guitar. A quality that is simply, musically rich and easy to enjoy.

When with the full band of either 6 or 9 depending with the occasion. The voice, the guitar, the percussion and the dance moves become the talk of the event. Accompanied by his long term friends and fellow musicians from various countries of Africa, Mapumba's music is undoubtedly international in quality.

Performance history:

Mapumba has been a professional performer for over ten years. Performing either solo, with a trio or with a full 9 piece band, he has graced the ears of dignitaries of the likes of Bill Clinton, Nelson Mandela (Mr Mandela's birthday dinner 2006), Will Smith, President Joseph Kabila and Dr Kenneth Kaunda to name a few.

That hasn't made him any less available to the general masses who attend his various shows around South Africa and the world.

Mapumba also lends his musical prowess and experience of travel on the African continent, to the role of musical director. The latest event was in Davos, Switzerland, where he directed and performed in the opening event of of the closing night to the world economic summit 2010.

History and Origin:

Born Dieu-Merci Laurent Mapumba Cilombo, Mapumba comes from the Democratic

republic of the Congo. After finishing higher education in Zambia, Mapumba proceeded to base himself in South Africa.