



## Pulses of the Mbira Beauler Dyoco and Cosmas Magaya

Opening for Magaya and Dyoko are members of the  
Zambezi Marimba Band under the direction of Prof. Ernest Brown

Beauler Dyoko is known in Zimbabwe as the "Queen of Mbira Music" and is Zimbabwe's first woman mbira recording artist. Dyoko is leader and featured singer with the popular contemporary mbira ensemble, The Black Souls, and has regularly been invited to perform a traditional song to open the Zimbabwean Parliament. She has also performed with Mhuri yekwa Rwizi/Soul of Mbira groups for many years in Zimbabwe and throughout the world.

Dyoko is also a spirit medium, an herbalist, fashion designer, and teacher of traditional Shona cooking. She is an active member of organizations promoting women musicians in Zimbabwe, and has written original songs in support of AIDS awareness and non-violence. She is the sole supporter of a large extended family of grandchildren, nieces and nephews in Zimbabwe.

Cosmas Magaya is leader of the mbira ensemble Mhuri yekwaMagaya. He is also an internationally recognized mbira player and mbira teacher. Magaya has been an avid student and player of mbira dzaVadzimu from the time he was eight. Mr. Magaya is a master of the instrument, having studied with many great players. He has performed with the renowned Mhuri yekwa Rwizi mbira group for over 25 years, participating with them in concert tours of Europe and the US. He was instrumental in the writing of Paul Berliner's *The Soul of Mbira* in the 1970s, and continues to work closely with Dr. Berliner as a consultant on Zimbabwean music.

### Sunday, November 2, 2008

### 3:00 P.M.

*Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall*

*Williamstown, Massachusetts*

#### Upcoming Events:

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- 11/5: MIDWEEKMUSIC, Chapin Hall, 12:15 p.m.
- 11/7: Borromeo Quartet, Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall, 8:00 p.m.
- 11/8: Small Jazz Ensembles, Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall, 8:00 p.m.
- 11/12: MIDWEEKMUSIC, Chapin Hall, 12:15 p.m.
- 11/12: MIDWEEKMUSIC, Chapin Hall, 7:00 p.m. (Note evening time)
- 11/14: Williams Concert and Chamber Choirs, Thompson Memorial Chapel, 8:00 p.m.
- 11/15: Williams Symphonic Winds, Chapin Hall, 8:00 p.m.
- 11/16: Cantonese Opera: Music From China, Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall, 3:00 p.m.
- 11/18: Piano Master Class: Adam Neiman, Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall, 4:15 p.m.
- 11/19: MIDWEEKMUSIC, Thompson Memorial Chapel, 12:15 p.m.
- 11/19: Russell Sherman Bösendorfer Concert, Chapin Hall, 8:00 p.m.
- 11/20: Piano Master Class: Russell Sherman, Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall, 12:00 p.m.
- 11/21: Berkshire Symphony Orchestra, Chapin Hall, 8:00 p.m.
- Pre-Concert Talk, Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall, 7:15 p.m.

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