Musekiwa Chingodza, mbira

Mukaitiende
Mukaitiende means “Wake up and let’s go!” This song is usually played at the Mukwerera rain-making ceremony.

Tomutenda Mambo
Tomutenda Mambo means “We thank the King.” It is a song that we play for thanksgiving ceremonies.

Dande
Dande is a region in the northeast of Zimbabwe. In that region there are some sacred caves. It is a ceremonial song.

Serevende
Serevende refers to something which goes on and on. We play this song after Spirit conversation in the ceremony.

Chamutengure
Chamutengure means “moving from one place to another.” We play it for weddings and gatherings.

Musekiwa Chingodza, mbira
Musekiwa Chingodza was born into a family of great mbira players in Mwangara village, Murehwa, Zimbabwe, in 1970. He began playing mbira at the age of five and is self-taught. Through listening to other gwenya-mbira, or great mbira players, he developed a strong attachment to and love for mbira music. He says, “Our music is both medicine and food, as mbira has the power to heal and to provide for people. Mbira please both the living and the dead.” In 1991 Musekiwa was a key member of the band Panjea and composed the hit song Ganda on Panjea’s Zimbabwean album. For many years Musekiwa taught traditional music at Prince Edward School in Harare. He is an excellent singer, dancer and drummer and plays both mbira dzavadzimu and nyungu nyungu. Following up on his widely acclaimed CD with Jennifer Kyker, titled Tsunga, Musekiwa released his CD VaChingodza Budai Pachena. His CD, Kutema Musasa, was released in late 2005.

Musekiwa is also an accomplished ngoma (drum) player in the Shona tradition, and he excels in playing hosho (gourd shakers), singing, and traditional dance. Musekiwa now visits the US regularly, teaching and performing, with visits sponsored by Kutsinhira Cultural Arts Center in Eugene, Oregon. Kutsinhira considers Musekiwa to be one of their primary teachers, as well as one of the greatest living mbira musicians. Musekiwa is an excellent singer, dancer and drummer, and plays both mbira dzavadzimu and nyungu nyungu. He arranges and teaches Zimbabwean-style marimba and loves to work with children, youth and adults. He has recorded 5 CDs, the latest release being Tomutenda Mambo (with Bud Cohen, 2011). Musekiwa is also an accomplished ngoma (drum) player in the Shona tradition, and he excels in playing hosho (gourd shakers), singing, marimba and traditional dance. He is very experienced at teaching all of these skills to North Americans in a friendly and supportive way. With his engaging personality, gentle teaching style, virtuoso mbira-playing ability and deep immersion in his culture, he is one of the world’s leading ambassdors of music from Zimbabwe.

Saturday, October 8, 2016
8:00 p.m.
Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Williamstown, Massachusetts

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Fall 2016 Events

Wed Oct 19 4:15pm Prof. Ellen Harris Class of 1960 Lecture Bernhard Room 30
Fri Oct 21 7:15pm Pre-Concert Talk with Ronald Feldman, conductor of the Berkshire Symphony Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Fri Oct 21 8pm Berkshire Symphony Chapin Hall
Mon Oct 24 4:15pm Master Class - Angela Hewitt, piano - Visiting Artist Series Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Tue Oct 25 8pm Angela Hewitt, piano - Visiting Artist Series Chapin Hall
Wed Oct 26 12:15pm MIDWEEKMUSIC “In C” Chapin Hall, stage
Wed Oct 26 8pm Music From China & Talujon- Visiting Artist Series Chapin Hall
Thu Oct 27 4:15pm Master Class - Music From China & Talujon - Visiting Artist Series Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Fri Oct 28 8pm Alice Giles, harp - Visiting Artist Series Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Sat Oct 29 10am Master Class - Alice Giles, harp - Visiting Artist Series Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Sat Oct 29 8pm Zambezi Marimba Band - Family Days Concert Chapin Hall
Wed Nov 2 12:15pm MIDWEEKMUSIC Chapin Hall, stage
Wed Nov 2 8pm Apple Hill String Quartet - Visiting Artist Series Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Fri Nov 4 8pm Williams Concert Choir & Williams Chamber Choir Chapin Hall
Sat Nov 5 8pm Faculty Recital: Joanna Kurkowicz, violin; Kota Kusika, piano Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Wed Nov 9 12:15pm MIDWEEKMUSIC in the Chapel Thompson Memorial Chapel
Thu Nov 17 4:15pm Master Class - Krysten Keches, harp Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Fri Nov 18 7:15pm Pre-Concert Talk with Ronald Feldman, conductor of the Berkshire Symphony Chapin Hall
Fri Nov 18 8pm Berkshire Symphony with guest artist Krysten Keches, harp Chapin Hall
Fri Nov 18 8pm The Fall All Dance Department Concert & MainStage, ’62 Center
Sat Nov 19 4pm Gospel Choir Chapin Hall
Sat Nov 19 8pm The Fall All Dance Department Concert & Kusika/Zambezi MainStage, ’62 Center
Sun Nov 20 3pm Baroque Ensemble Rebel - Visiting Artist Series Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Mon Nov 21 4:15pm Ensemble Rebel Master Classes - Visiting Artist Series Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Wed Nov 30 12:15pm MIDWEEKMUSIC Chapin Hall, stage
Wed Nov 30 7pm Chinese Music Ensemble Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Fri Dec 2 8pm Williams Jazz Ensemble Chapin Hall
Sat Dec 3 8pm Williams Percussion Ensemble Chapin Hall
Sun Dec 4 7pm Unsilent Night Chapin Hall, steps
Wed Dec 7 12:15pm MIDWEEKMUSIC Chapin Hall, stage
Wed Dec 7 7pm Small Jazz Ensembles Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Thu Dec 8 7pm Williams Jazz Repertory Ensemble Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Fri Dec 9 8pm Williams Wind Ensemble Chapin Hall
Sat Dec 10 4pm A Christmas Service of Lessons & Carols Thompson Memorial Chapel
Sun Dec 11 4pm A Christmass Service of Lessons & Carols Thompson Memorial Chapel
Tue Dec 13 12:15pm MIDWEEKMUSIC Tuesday Chapin Hall, stage
Tue Dec 13 5pm Clarinet Choir Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Spring 2017 Events

Thu Jan 12 8pm I/O Fest - I/O Ensemble Experimental Jazz CenterStage, ’62 Center
Thu Jan 12 10:30pm I/O Fest - After Hours – Rothko Chapel and TBA
Fri Jan 13 8pm I/O Fest - Guest Artist - TAK CenterStage, ’62 Center
Sat Jan 14 1pm I/O Fest - Tom Johnson’s Nine Bells CenterStage, ’62 Center
Sat Jan 14 8pm I/O Fest - IOTA Ensemble CenterStage, ’62 Center
Sun Jan 15 1pm I/O Fest - Out of the Box - Drumming The Clark, Conforti Pavilion
Sun Jan 15 2:30pm I/O Fest - Out of the Box - Drumming The Clark, Conforti Pavilion
Tue Jan 17 4pm Williams Opera Workshop Chapin Hall
Fri Feb 3 8pm Williams Chamber Players Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Wed Feb 8 7pm Recital for Berkshire Symphony Soloists Competition Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Thu Feb 9 8pm Mark Turner Quartet – Visiting Artist Series Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Sun Feb 12 3pm Recital for Berkshire Symphony Soloists Competition Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Tue Feb 14 6pm Berkshire Symphony Soloist Competition Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Thu Feb 16 8pm Williams Jazz Faculty Concert Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Fri Feb 17 8pm Club Zambezi Dance Party! CenterStage, ’62 Center
Sat Feb 18 2pm Club Zambezi Dance Party! CenterStage, ’62 Center
Tue Feb 21 4:15pm Master Class – Ben Verdery, guitar - Visiting Artist Series Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Wed Feb 22 8 pm Ben Verdery, guitar – Visiting Artist Series Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Fri Feb 24 dusk All-Night Marathon of Voices Thompson Memorial Chapel
Fri Mar 3 7:15pm Pre-Concert Talk with Ronald Feldman, conductor of the Berkshire Symphony Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Fri Mar 3 8pm Berkshire Symphony Chapin Hall
Sat Mar 4 2pm Berkshire Symphony Family Concert with Ephys Out Loud Chapin Hall
Wed Mar 8 12:15pm MIDWEEKMUSIC Chapin Hall, stage
Wed Mar 9 4:15pm Prof. Tania Leon Class of 1960 Lecture Bernhard Room 30
Fri Mar 10 8pm Williams Chamber Players Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Sat Mar 11 5pm Master Class - Takács String Quartet - Visiting Artist Series Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Sun Mar 12 3pm Takács String Quartet - Visiting Artist Series Chapin Hall

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