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West African Highlife Ensemble

Maputo Mensah, director

7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 5, 2024

Grusin Music Hall

PROGRAM

Traditional Dance

Traditional Drumming

Medzago

Agboti Yawo

This song is about a lover who has done wrong and is asking for forgiveness.

Akpeteshi

Dela Yaw Botri

This song is a good example of pure highlife style. You can hear the upbeat bell pattern drive the ensemble. The lyrics are sort of a public service announcement: “Drinking and driving is not good. If you are drinking, don’t drive, because safety is important.” This song provides an excellent opportunity to get up and dance.

Ayi Langa

Naakpe Noko

The song speaks about tensions that sometimes exist in families and in marriages. “Something is bothering me a lot between my in-laws and me. I want someone to take me to them so I can talk to them about what is bothering me. I call Ayi to go with me because he is wise and could be a mediator to help solve the problem.”

Fula, Fula

Ayite

I'm drowning and I need someone to help me get out, so who can I find to help me? When I got into trouble, I had nobody to help me out. But then I realized I got to know who loves me and who hates me in times of trouble. I'm not going to be the same until the day I die. One day I'm going to be somebody that everyone can be proud of.

Oblayoko

Kojo Antwi

"*Oblayoko* is a song about a friend of mine who is in a hurry to go and have fun. I was sleeping when my friend came and invited me to Tema (club) to eat, drink, and dance. She is beautiful and outgoing and was in a hurry to go to Tema. I ask why she is in a hurry and she says: I'm in a hurry to go and have fun."

PERSONNEL

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West African Highlife Ensemble

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