



West African Highlife Ensemble

Maputo Mensah, director

7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018
Grusin Music Hall
Imig Music Building



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Program

Traditional

Come and Drum

Everybody can drum.

Kpanlogo Dance

The *Kpanlogo* dance was invented by Otoo Lincoln. He was told the following Ansee folk story by his grandfather. Kpanlogo, Mma Mma and Algodzan were the names of three triplet girls. Their father was the chief and said whoever could guess their names could marry them. A man went to their home pretending to be a mad man asking for water, met the girls, and learned their names and they called to each other. To remember them he kept singing to himself “Kp, Mma, Al,” and of course he married the girls.

Soon after Ghana became an independent nation in 1957, *Kpanlogo* came to symbolize the youth and independence of a young nation and was played at funerals and state occasions, and became an anthem for the ruling party at the time. It remains popular today.

Highlife

Amoulanga

Amoulanga is an uplifting Highlife song from the Ivory Coast. The lyrics sing of the virtues of upholding tradition.

Dreams Come True

I remember when I was young
All the wonderful dreams
And now I realize
My dreams are coming true
Dreams come true,
Dreams come true,
Dreams come true,
Agya, dreams come true.

Oblayuko

I was sleeping when a friend came and invited me to Tema for a dance, food and drinks. She was beautiful and outgoing, and she was in a hurry to go to Tema. I ask her why she was in a hurry. She says it is because friends are waiting for her and she wants to go have fun.

Personnel

West African Highlife Ensemble

Maputo Mensah, Luke Hendey, Charlotte Lee, Jenna Parks, Nureli Murthy, Lauren Humphrey, Jahan Shafii, Mel Anderson Sibanda, Chandler Ramsey, Charles Wofford, Delaney Patrick, Ben Cefkin and Max Mondzac.

Upcoming performances

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Sunday, Dec. 2

Japanese Ensemble 📺

2 p.m., Grusin Music Hall

Gamelan Ensemble 📺

4:30 p.m., Grusin Music Hall

Dec. 7-9

Holiday Festival 🎫

Macky Auditorium

Monday, Dec. 10

Concert Band and

Campus Orchestra 📺

7:30 p.m., Grusin Music Hall

Monday, Dec. 17

Artist Series

Canadian Brass 🎫

7:30 p.m., Macky Auditorium

Thursday, Jan. 31

Artist Series

Silkroad Ensemble 🎫

7:30 p.m., Macky Auditorium

Thursday, Feb. 7

Wind Symphony and

Symphonic Band 📺

7:30 p.m., Macky Auditorium

Tuesday, Feb. 12

CU Symphony Orchestra 📺

7:30 p.m., Macky Auditorium

Thursday, Feb. 14

Anderson Competition Finals

7:30 p.m., Grusin Music Hall

Concert Jazz Ensemble and

Jazz Ensemble II 📺

7:30 p.m., Macky Auditorium

Friday, Feb. 15

Spring Festival of Choirs

7:30 p.m., Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 1318 Mapleton Ave, Boulder

Saturday, Feb. 16

Artist Series

Kodo One Earth Tour 2019 🎫

7:30 p.m., Macky Auditorium

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