

# THE MBIRA RENAISSANCE BAND

afro fusion - modern folk - jazz - roots



## ABOUT

Fusing the traditional mbira instrument with contemporary guitar, keyboard and brass instruments, the Mbira Renaissance Band offers a fresh, energetic yet delicately balanced sonic experience. Cyclical and simultaneously improvisational, the Mbira Renaissance Band serves a unique take on the contemporary mbira sound with splashes of reggae, afro jazz, chimurenga and afro-pop.

Twice nominated for the Edmonton Music Awards, the Mbira Renaissance band is currently working on its third studio album, with a release planned for spring/summer 2025. Their 2018 album, Famba is available on all major streaming platforms.

The band has performed across Canada, including the Salmon Arms Roots and Blues Festival, the Newfoundland and Labrador Folk Festival and the Edmonton International Jazz Fest.

Band members include:

Chaka Zinyemba: Mbira & Vocals  
Chiedza Zinyemba: Vocals & Percussion  
George Koufogiannakis: Guitar  
Munya Viyali: Keyboard  
James Stuart: Bass Guitar  
Tony Flanagan: Drums

## SELECT PERFORMANCES

New Moon Folk Club - Edmonton Alberta  
Chautauqua Music Series - Edson, Alberta  
National Music Centre - Calgary, Alberta  
Newfoundland & Labrador Folk Festival - St. John's, Newfoundland  
Salmon Arm Roots & Blues Festival - Salmon Arm British Columbia  
Canmore Folk Festival - Canmore, Alberta  
Calgary Stampede - Calgary, Alberta  
Festival Place - Sherwood Park, Alberta  
Summer Kicks - Golden, British Columbia  
Blind Bay - British Columbia  
Yardbird Suite - Edmonton, Alberta



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## TESTIMONIALS

"High energy and engaging" - Mary Beth Waldram, Artistic Director, Newfoundland & Labrador Folk Festival

"Engaging Performance that had the whole audience on its feet," Sue Panning, Director (former) Canmore Folk Festival