

JOHN PFUMOJENA



'...young and multi-talented John Pfumojena is a genius in his own right' – THE STANDARD

'John "talented" Pfumojena' – ZIMBOJAM

'John Pfumojena has carved a unique niche' – THE STANDARD

'...rising mbira star' – NEW MEDIA

'emerging voice power house...' – IZIMBABWE.COM

Short bio

The voice of choice at the *Spanish National Day*, the *Italian National Day* & *H.R.H the Queen's Silver Jubilee Celebrations* – Harare. Zimbabwe's premiere young vocalist has shared the stage with the likes of **Chiwoniso(Zim); Malaika(S.A); Salif keita(Mali); Oliver Mtukudzi(Zim); Carlos de France(Spain) and Ismaelo**. He has headlined the Harare International Festival of the Arts and the 2nd Pan African Festival of Algiers as well as having toured Ireland, Algeria, South Africa, India, Malawi, Ethiopia and Botswana. He is currently the reigning champion of the 'CHIBUKU ROAD TO FAME' national music competition and is the record holder of 50 honours grades at the national eisteddfod. His awards include; 'ethnic solo cup', 'ethnic duet cup', 'ethnic ensemble cup', 'most promising musician' and 'vocal solo cup'. John Pfumojena was a nominee for SAAA – Southern Africa Achievers' Awards (entertainer of the year) 2009. This entertainer plays *mbira, marimba, percussion, piano, recorder and flute*. His music is a fusion of traditional mbira vibes and contemporary rhythms and vocals.

Inspirations

At the tender age of 10, *West life and Destiny's Child* were the initial inspiration for John. Then Chiwoniso Maraire, John Legend and Luther Vandross have played their part in John Pfumojena's musical creation.

Aims, goals, aspirations

To collaborate with musicians regionally and internationally; to promote the Zimbabwean style of music around the world; to tour the world and create a bigger international fan base as well as to entertain the Zimbabweans away from home.