



Fusion of modern African music with traditional Malawian instruments

# PETER MAWANGA

**“Peter’s show . . . was absolutely incredible. The band is so talented, creative, and resourceful.”**

— Bob Ell, University of Missouri at St. Louis

Peter Mawanga is a self-proclaimed “Voice for the Voiceless.” Writing in his vernacular Chichewa his socially conscious lyrics speak for Malawi’s underprivileged. The music is equally Malawian. Traditional melodies and rhythms form the backbone of original songs orchestrated with modern and traditional instruments, a sound Mawanga terms Afro-vibes.

Fusing the rock outfit of drums-bass-guitar with the traditional sounds of Malawi’s marimba, thumb piano, and percussion, Mawanga’s Afro-vibes is a modern African sound that is intrinsically Malawian. He has the premier band in Malawi to boot who has been making headlines ever since their debut release *Paphiri ndi Padambo* (2009).

Peter Mawanga & The Amaravi Movement have performed alongside many African musical luminaries including Zimbabwean legend Oliver Mtukudzi, Malawi’s Wambali Mkandawire and South African diva KT. Performing at live music venues around the world and at festivals such as the Lake of Stars, Peter Mawanga has garnered respect in the music industry at large. The synergy of Peter Mawanga & The Amaravi Movement inspired Rhythm of Life to sign Peter as the first artist on their new record label in Malawi in 2008. They were hand-selected from a national bid to perform at the unveiling of Malawi’s new telecom network. Peter’s songs have even been quoted by former President Bingu wa Mutharika in his speeches.

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## QUICK FACTS

- Home base: Malawi, Africa
- US touring available in coordinated windows
- Touring Config: Five musicians
- Instruments: Sansi, Guitar, Bass Guitar Djembe, Numba, Drums, Marimba, Chisekese Shaker

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

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