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Jacob Mafuleni

Jacob Mafuleni taught and performed Shona mbira music for the Center for World Music from 2012 to 2013. He is a star performer with the Zimbabwean music and dance group Mbira dzeMuninga and is a multitalented master musician who is as adept at drums, dance, marimba, and guitar as he is with mbira. He has been playing traditional and popular Zimbabwean music and singing and dancing professionally since 1992. He has performed with the Boretewe Dance Troupe, the Ramambo Marimba Band, Chiwoniso and Vibe Culture, Mbira dzeNharira, Mawungira Enharira, Mbira dzeMuninga, and recently his own Afro-fusion band, Sweet Calabash. Jacob taught marimba, mbira, dance, and singing from 1993-1998 at the College of Music in Harare, the capital city of Zimbabwe.

Jacob was awarded the title of Best Instrumentalist in 1995 from the Chapungu Sculpture Park in Zimbabwe. His successful tours of the United States, Canada, China, Malaysia, Germany, Switzerland, France, South Africa, and Malawi brought him acclaim for his performances of Zimbabwean music and dance as well as his teaching skills.