

## Kelly Takunda Orphan and The KTO Project Unveil 'Mafaro eZimbabwe" - A Joyous Ode to Zimbabwean Culture

San Francisco, CA - October 6th - Prepare to embark on a musical journey, as singer Kelly Takunda Orphan and The KTO Project unveil their latest single, 'Mafaro eZimbabwe', a heartfelt tribute to the vibrant and diverse culture of Zimbabwe and its sounds.

Inspired by the enchanting celebrations lived in Zimbabwe in 1994, with **'Mafaro eZimbabwe**', which translates into "*The Joy of Zimbabwe*", KTO managed to capture in music the **essence of joy and unity**, paying homage to her second home, and to the Zimbabwean artists whose infectious rhythms got her into making music, like Papa Joze.

KTO has once again expertly **weaved the spirit of Zimbabwe into an extremely danceable and energetic track**, enlisting the **Shona rapping skills** of her husband, Salani Wamkanganise, and s**oukous musicians from the Democratic Republic of Congo and Kenya**.

KTO wrote and arranged Mafaro eZimbabwe's **soukous-inspired sound** to **celebrate the people of Zimbabwe's love of soukous music**. Deep lyrics convey **messages of unity, love, and celebration with sweet words from the heart**, reflecting the desire to return to Zimbabwe to be embraced by family and nurtured by teachers.

"We are stirring the music, and singing loud! We move with sweet positive words coming from the innermost depth of our hearts! With this music as a catalyst, we are positively moving ahead!"

'Mafaro eZimbabwe' is the title track from the upcoming KTO Project's album, a heartfelt tribute to KTO's Zimbabwean teachers and her profound connection to the Zimbabwean community that has nurtured her musicianship for decades. With each track, KTO takes listeners on a mesmerizing journey through the vibrant rhythms and soul-stirring melodies that have become her signature and will leave an indelible mark on your soul, as it did on her in 1994 when her life-changing and musical adventure began, and when she came across the true power of music as a universal language.

Since then, **KTO's music has fused African diaspora traditions**, crafting a unique and danceable sound, and promoting unity and positive change, inspiring audiences worldwide with **master musicians from Zimbabwe**, **DRC**, **and Kenya**. With **lush vocals and powerful rhythms**, **she truly bridges cultures effortlessly**, as praised by African-American musician and cultural historian **Linda Tillery**.

You can join the celebration of the Zimbabwean spirit with 'Mafaro eZimbabwe' on October 6th, to witness with the KTO Project the power of music to heal, unite, and bring happiness to our lives.



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