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West African Highlife Ensemble

Maputo Mensah, director

7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023

Grusin Music Hall

Program

Sule Bun Nwe

Sogo

Kpatsa

Traditional Dance

Kpatsa is a dance of the Ga-Adangme people in Southern Ghana. Mythology says that Ga-Adangme hunters first learned it from the dwarfs. In modern society, it is performed at many different types of gatherings, including those of political leaders, visits by important figures and holiday celebrations.

Amoulanga

Magic System

Amoulanga is an uplifting Highlife song from the Ivory Coast. The lyrics sing of the virtues of upholding tradition.

Oblayoko

Kojo Antwi

Oblayoko is a song about a friend who is in a hurry to have fun. This friend came when I was sleeping to invite me to *Tema* (club), eat, drink, and dance. She is beautiful and outgoing and in a hurry to go to *Tema*. I ask why she is in such a hurry and she says, "I'm in a hurry to go have fun."

Personnel

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Maputo Mensah, director

West African Highlife Ensemble

Anton Meyerowitz

Melvin Casillas Munoz

Judah Davis

Tano Kleberg

Aidan Lindstrom

Abby McManus

Callum Mccarthy

Maya Napolillo

Fabian Yue

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