



**Baba Tyehimba Mtu** is a **Master Drummer**, in the first generation of the small group of Master Drummers in the U.S. Baba Mtu plays several styles of Afrikan Drumming including his own unique styles of playing polyrhythms on seven plus Drums and playing multiple rhythms on one Drum.

As a **Master Drummer / Musician** Baba Mtu has produced 4 Cds, "Thunder Spirit in the Night", "Life's Meditation", "Fire" and "Mtu."

A Drummer for over 50 years he produces ancient, traditional and contemporary Afrikan music (talking with the Drums) on instruments which he carved.

Baba Mtu is a **Master Drum Maker**, one of three Master African Drum Carvers in the U.S. Occasionally Baba Mtu shares with the community his Drum House in the form of an exhibit. The exhibit features some 120 plus of his outstanding drums, masks and sculptures all carved by him along with the wisdom of the drum.

As a **Philosopher / Teacher**, Baba Mtu teaches Black philosophy in the community and has authored six books "Afrikan Nationalism, A Philosophy", "Ngoma Ku Sema, Talking Drums", "Father's Lessons", "A Drum House", "My Drums Play For You My People, Our Culture" and "Black Philosophy, Volume 2."

Baba Mtu is a **Griot** presenting "The Story of Life," for our people.

As a **Shaman (Priest)** Baba Mtu uses the drum with his spiritual connectedness to perform our varied Afrikan Rites and Rituals. His drums talk using language and spiritual energy. His drums speak with and giving voice to our ancestors while they are talking.

**Ngoma Ku Sema** (Talking Drums) is the performing troupe which Baba Mtu created and performs under, performing around the world. Ngoma Ku Sema means Talking Drums.

**"MY DRUMS PLAY FOR YOU - MY PEOPLE" - Baba Tyehimba Mtu**

for Baba Tyehimba Mtu + Rituals + Performances + Lectures + Classes about  
(Drums - Art - Culture) + Carving and Drums (by commission only).

for Baba Tyehimba Mtu's + CDs + Books.

for NGOMA KU SEMA (Talking Drums) The Afrikan Performing Arts Troupe.

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**BABA TYEHIMBA MTU** is a master drummer. Master Drummer - A title common in West Africa is earned over a period of time, usually as an initiate to a drum society. The Drum Society serves as the community's social and spiritual needs. The drum uses a unique language to communicate to and with the people and the spirits of the ancestors.



The magic of the drums being critical to all African rites and rituals, the drummer is the conduit. Being in the first generation of master drummers in the United States often plays polyrhythms on one to seven drums speaking with, for and to the ancestors, producing ancient and contemporary music.

The Master Drummer's role in the community is equal to other priests and senior elders. Mr. Mtu has earned the honor of this title. He also speaks to and for the Afrikan community while inspiring all that listen, using the Afrikan drums that he created, his style is a unique expression of black people in the Americas.

The drums he uses are exceptional, to say the least. They consist of drums hand carved by Mr. Mtu, topped off with Mr. Mtu's bylophone drum, which he also created and carved (said to be the only one of its kind in the world). In the tradition of jazz and blues Mr. Mtu uses Afrikanism to energize the Afrikans born away from home. Being one of the 5 master drummers in the U.S. Mr. Mtu is even more unique in that he is also a master carver and drum maker. Beyond unique he is phenomenal, as a carver, drum maker and teacher for over 35 years.

With a Bachelors, Masters Degrees and extensive advanced study in Philosophy, Mr. Mtu expands our view of Afrika, rather than being absorbed by a particular Afrikan country or tribal group. As an author and musician, Mr. Mtu has written a book on the history of African drums and has produced 4 CD's. For serious inquires about the performance of Mr. Mtu, a **video** is available upon request.

### Talking Drums CD's

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