

## **Band Bio**

### **World Music**

**Rutendo Marimba will touch your heart and send your feet flying!**

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Rutendo is a collective of musicians whose mission is to share the inspiring music of Zimbabwe. In the Shona language, Rutendo means to give thanks, and above all else we treasure our relationship with our Zimbabwean teachers and deeply appreciate the generous sharing of their cultural heritage.

Rutendo's history began in 2005 with a dedicated group of teenagers who performed at local festivals. Today, the band's members are an adventurous group of world travelers who bring together amazing musical talent and a contagious love of the traditional music of Zimbabwe.

Rutendo's performances are a *mélange* of marimba, voice, dance and drums. On stage the band creates energetic and uplifting music that gets audiences dancing in celebration!

Throughout Southern Oregon and beyond, Rutendo Marimba is enthusiastically greeted by fans and newcomers alike. They can be found on the plaza for Ashland Artwalks, the Oregon Shakespeare Festival's Green Show, Jacksonville's Britt Performance Garden, Art Along the Rogue, Talent Harvest Celebration, Salmon Festival, Earth Day and at local wineries.