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LOVENESS WESA and the Bantus Band

Free the Water, Free the Spirit, Free the People.

Loveness Wesa & the Bantus Band:

Founded by Zimbabwean singer & dancer Loveness Wesa, the Bantus are an afro-pop band based in Portland, OR. Rooted in Loveness's background in traditional music of the Shona & Ndebele peoples of southern Africa, the Bantus meld the traditional and contemporary African sounds, creating melodious, danceable grooves. Traditional instruments such as the marimba and mbira (thumb piano) combine seamlessly with the more modern sounds of electric bass, guitar, keyboards, horns, and drumset resulting in an intricately woven musical fabric. Loveness' inspired lyrics in Shona, Ndebele, and English relate to universal human struggles and issues.

The Bantus Band Members



Each Bantus Band member brings their experience as they collaboratively arrange the music and compose their own tunes in the style of southern African pop.

The Bantus Band consists of: Matt Gordon (guitar/ backing vocals), Andrew Oliver (keyboard/trumpet/ drums), Eric Orem (marimba/drums/ mbira), Nathan Beck (marimba/drums/ mbira), Todd Ragland (bass/backing vocals), and Ghanian Richard Sokpor (percussion/dance).

Loveness & the Bantus have performed at many northwest festivals and major venues including the City of Portland's Summer Concert series at Washington Park, Northwest World Reggae Fest, the Salem World Beat Festival, Portland Day of the African Child, Ecotrust's Sundown series, and the Aladdin Theatre.

Loveness Live at Washington Park



Bantus at N.W. World Reggae Festival



For more information or booking contact:

Loveness Wesa of the Bantus Band



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Loveness is a trained traditional dancer and brings the excitement of those moves to the front of the stage with the Bantus. Audience members can expect to get moving with some help from some interactive dance lessons from the Bantus' front line.



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Join us
as we celebrate the
sacred place *WATER* and *MUSIC*
has in all our lives,
LAUGH, SING, DANCE
and be FREE!