

# nobuntu



“much adored...and breathtaking...” ~ *The Sunday News Zimbabwe*

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“...rich voices and exhilarating rhythms, both physical and vocal, poured out from the stage to enchant a near-capacity crowd.” ~ *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*

Nobuntu, the female cappella quintet from Zimbabwe, has drawn international acclaim for its inventive performances that range from traditional Zimbabwean songs to Afro Jazz to Gospel. The ensemble’s concerts are performed with pure voices augmented by minimal percussion, traditional instruments such as the Mbira (thumb piano), and organic, authentic dance movements.

The word Nobuntu is an African concept that values humbleness, love, unity, and family from a woman’s perspective. The ensemble represents a new generation of young African women singers who celebrate and preserve their culture, beauty, and heritage through art. The ensemble’s mission is the belief that music can be an important vehicle for change; one that transcends racial, tribal, religious, gender, and economic boundaries.

Nobuntu was nominated for Best Musician of the Year at the Zimbabwe International Women Awards in London in 2015. In the last few seasons, the quintet has performed at festivals and concert halls in Italy, Austria, Germany, Belgium, the Czech Republic and throughout the African continent. The ensemble was a critical success at “Trans-Vocal” in Frankfurt and “Voice Mania” in Vienna. Their first tour of Canada, in 2016, included performances in Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, and Victoria. The quintet’s 2017 debut American tour included performances at Lincoln Center in New York and the Ringling International Festival in Florida, among others.

Nobuntu has released two recordings- THINA in 2013 and EKHAYA in 2016. The group has made dozens of television and radio appearances throughout Africa and Europe promoting these recordings and the culture of their homeland.



“...a vibrant and stunning performance full of sparkling energy...”  
~ *Sunday Times* – Passau, Germany

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