

# NEWS

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An African Music Festival, complete with marimbas, mbiras, and African drums will be staged at The Evergreen State College March 9.

Directed by Faculty Member Abraham Dumi Maraire, a member of the Shona Tribe in Rhodesia, the festival will feature afternoon workshops from noon to 4:30 p.m. and an evening concert at 8 o'clock in the main floor of the Library building.

The free, public festival is sponsored by students and faculty members in the Individual in Contemporary Society Coordinated Studies program who have spent much of Fall and Winter quarter learning about the Shona culture, with special emphasis on Shona music, dance and instruments.

Groups scheduled to perform in the all-day festival include: the Shona Marimba Ensemble, a group of Seattle musicians directed by Maraire; the Ewajo Performing Arts Dancers, an afro jazz dance group directed by University of Washington dance teacher Edna Degrey; Bakere and Nortta Marong, a husband and wife team from Gambia who dance and play Gambian drums, and the Tropical Rainstorm, a steel drum band whose members are primarily from the West Indies.

Each group will sponsor one workshop. Scheduled from noon to 2 p.m. in separate sessions are Bakere and Nortta Marong and the Tropical Rainstorm. Ewaja and the Shona Marimba Ensemble are slated from 2:30 to 4:30.