

Heartbeat Children: An Explosion of Music and Dance

There is a tantalizing magic taking place watching the Heartbeat Children dance and sing the message of hope. As they rhythmically beat their drums and gourds in tandem, creatively play their native instruments, and leap and shake across the stage, these lively young people sing their hearts out in celebration. They are vibrating with energy and vitality and move together in joyful synchronicity. Each child is colorfully adorned with matching headdresses, wigs, scarves, grass skirts and multicolored beads which makes the music that pours out of them create a delight for the eyes and ears. Their hands are out towards the sky; their hips are swaying and swirling in a seemingly free flowing, yet creatively choreographed dance. These children are having fun, emanating joy and happiness, and this joy is contagious.

The children of Uganda want to dance and sing for you to celebrate life, diversity, education, and hope for disadvantaged children everywhere. These young people promote unity in the universal language of love. All of these joyous children have overcome harsh circumstances of their own including substandard living conditions, hunger, and lack of medical care. They have grown up without electricity in mud huts with thatched roofs, where cooking is done with charcoal or firewood. Still these children have thrived and they want other disadvantaged children to embrace health and happiness. Their dance of hope tells a story, and storytelling, past and present, has strong roots in family and community as singing and sharing stories around the fire is a major form of entertainment. The heartbeat children continue this tradition with unique performances that entrance the world.

The Heartbeat children want to improve life for all children no matter what nationality they come from. The persistent beat of the drum, the melodic lute, and young girls and boys engaging in spirited dancing is an invitation to an educational exchange for the children of all cultures. Created and cast by children, and expertly choreographed by world the renowned music ambassador, Herbert Kinobe, this explosion of joy through singing and dancing invites creativity, vitality, energy, and hope. A sense of togetherness and resilience is explored through the power of music and performance art. Come see these young people transcend their experiences and shared poverty into a joyful creation of music.