

**For immediate release:**

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**Batuki Music Society** presents **Njacko Backo and Kalimba Kalimba's CD Release Party** for "**Où est l'Amour**" ("**Where is the Love**"). This 11 track album will be launched Friday June 19, 2009 at the Gladstone Hotel Ballroom in Toronto, Canada, and marks Njacko's tenth independent release. It showcases Njacko's original, honest and sincere lyrics and masterful compositions. The final track on the album, "Afrique Reveille-toi!", ("Africa Wake up!") is a song that Njacko was inspired to write during his recent trip home to Cameroon and West Africa .

To understand the group's musical style, one only has to look to Njacko's travels. He draws from the rich rhythmic roots of Cameroon (Ben Skin, Bikutsi, Makossa, Manganbeu, Koula) and branches out to other popular African genres (Sabar, Kavacha, Soukous, Rhumba) to create a unique and groovy blend of Afro Pop music. The sweet melodies of traditional and modern instruments such as kalimba, ngoni, guitar, banjo, violin, accordion, and flute grounded by the energy of the bass, drums and percussion will get the World Music newcomer and the connoisseur alike dancing, singing and thinking about life and love. In Njacko's words, "Music, for me, is first of all the message. On this album, all of the lyrics come from the kingdom of kindness. The lyrics are actually a blessing for everybody who will take time to listen."

Radio stations in Cameroon, Benin, Togo, Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Mali, and Senegal have been playing four of the new tracks since January this year. DJs in Njacko's native Cameroon were amazed by the texture of Kalimba Kalimba's music. Njacko's video for "Mama Oh" is very popular in Cameroon and Mali, and they are eagerly awaiting the new music videos from "**Où est l'Amour**".

**Njacko Backo and Kalimba Kalimba CD Release Party**

Date: Friday June 19, 2009

Venue: The Gladstone Hotel Ballroom, 1214 Queen Street West, Toronto ON

Tickets: \$20 with CD / \$10 without CD / \$5 for children under 16

Doors: 8:30 p.m.

Show Time: 9:00 p.m.

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Batuki Music Society's artistic vision is to encourage local African musicians to participate in enriching the diverse arts and cultural scene that is found in this beautiful city through live music shows, visual arts displays, and festivals.

*"Nurturing and strengthening cultural diversity through music and arts."*

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