

PRESS RELEASE

The IMPALA project presents
KUMBUKA UTAMADUNI
Back to our African cultural values



Free Concert @ the Trades Hall Ballroom
Cnr of Victoria and Lygon Street in the City, Parliament Station and trams close

Saturday 15 December 2007
Doors Open 1pm. Concert begins 1.30pm



Featuring:
King Bell & Soukas Ba Congo
Musiki Manjaro
William Kadima
One Africa
Jali Buba Kayateh
Ajak Kwai
and **The Impala project.**

Our motto: **"BROTHERHOOD IS NEVER SIMILAR APPEARANCES,
BUT THE MUTUAL USEFULNESS".**

IMPALA is an African community group that was set up in Melbourne by new arrival migrants from three African countries - D.R.Congo, Burundi and Rwanda. After experiencing long stays in refugee camps, exposure to ethnic differences and loss of cultural values for their Families, these migrants decided it was time to step forward, revalue their culture, custom of traditional heritage and identity. **Impala** believes that their cultural practices bring together African communities to share their experiences and support one another to rebuild their viable cultural values.

These interactions are a useful source of information for social networks, and serve as a relief to social isolation. "We do not only remember the past but we learn from it and prepare for the future. We encourage love, respect and unity among our people regardless of ethnicity, nationality or physical appearance. Our songs and dances as well as our art works, each has a meaning, we inherited them from our ancestors and we wish to pass them to our children".

Ildephose Kinyango. (Co-ordinator of The **Impala** Project)

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