

The Key Ingredients of African Soul
Miscellaneous Promotional Information for Mesa Brewing/Taos

Band Bio: Performing originals and adaptations rooted in various styles of African Folk, Afro-pop, Afro-Cuban and Afro-Caribbean rhythms, the Key Ingredients of African Soul is a Pan-African band that delights their audiences with a unique blend of high dance energy and the enchanting sounds of marimba, guitar, drums and voices. Founded in 2008, the band currently has core members from Zimbabwe and the USA and frequently features collaborations with both local and international guests. They joyfully engage their audiences by providing many opportunities to participate through song or dance. While their style is identified as Pan-African, their fans and reviewers have often described it as “trance” or “alternative”, due to their amazing capacity to take audiences through an otherworldly journey in the exploration of spiritual realms. Most significantly, the integrated themes of spiritual needs, intervention and possession, together with life-affirming messages of world peace, unity, justice and love for all humanity that run through most of their songs, reassure audiences that human existence matters. Whatever the description, the Key Ingredients of African Soul’s positive vibrations are designed to please your ears, stimulate your mind, move your feet and warm your heart. With a repertoire of more than 40 original songs and several cover adaptations in their ever-evolving repertoire, this band regularly rocks dance floors for 3-4 hours with their special brand of Afro-pop fusion (Highlife, Township Jazz, Soukous, Sungura, Chemurenga, Reggae...and the list goes on).

Addendum: For this Fall 2017 tour to perform at Fiesta Fela in Santa Fe, in addition to our core lineup, we will be bringing a special guest from Zimbabwe, **Prince Kudakwashe Musarurwa**, accomplished mbira master, composer and singer who also happens to be the grandson of August Musarurwa, the author of the greatest hit song to ever come out of Africa, “Skokiian”. Prince is in the USA filming a documentary about his grandfather's song and has graciously accepted our invitation to tour the southwest with us.

Links:

<http://www.thekeyingredientsof Africansoul.com/>

<https://www.reverbnation.com/mikedoctwangolson>

<https://www.facebook.com/Doc-Twang-and-the-Key-Ingredients-of-African-Soul-214391315255399/>

Band Description in 10 Words: The Key Ingredients of African Soul

“Enchanting Pan-African dance music featuring marimba, guitar, drums and voices.”