

U3A CAMBRIDGE – AFRICA FORUM

AN INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN MUSIC

Alan Bird 13th January 2017

1. Drums – Burundi – Warriors of the Drum – 17 piece group, recording issued in 1974 by Nonesuch Explorer
2. Marimba/Balaphone – Zimbabwe – The Zambezi Marimba All Stars (Recorded live at the Victoria Falls Hotel Garden in 1991)
3. Strings (Kora, 21 stringed lute from West Africa) – Mali – Toumani Diabate with Ballake Sissoko – “Yamfa” – Recorded in 1997 from the CD “New Ancient Strings”
4. Horns (Kakaki horn from Hausaland, northern Nigeria) – Fanfare for the Emir of Zaria – Issued by UNESCO – No date.
5. Penny Whistle – South Africa – Spokes Mashiyane with the Skylarks, 1959 “Miriam and Spokes Phata Phata” lyrics in Xhosa
- 6 Mali - Les Ambassadors International (Salif Keita vocal) – “Ntoman” –just before 1979? Reissued on the CD “Salif Keita The Best of the Early Years”
- 7 Algeria - Early Rai – Bellemou Messaoud – “Andi Probleme” – recorded in 1988 but based upon work from 1965
8. Egypt - Cairo Mosque call to prayer recorded by David Fanshawe in 1969
9. Ethiopia - Aster Aweke – “Yene Konjo” – 1993 from the CD “Ebo”
- 10 Congo – Guitar – Franco et Tout Puissant OK Jazz - “Cherie Okamuisi Ngai” – issued in 1986
- 11 South Africa – Singers – Mahlathini and the Mahotella Queens – “Melodi Yalla” – recorded 1988

Further information:

Rough Guide to World Music, 3rd Edition, Volume 1 Africa and the Middle East

Songlines magazine

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