The traditional music of Zimbabwe reveals the Shona people's spiritual beliefs, modes of expression, patterns of communication, and forms of entertainment. This performance will feature Musekiwa Chingodza's versions of repertoire from the Shona tradition on the mbira dzavadzimu accompanied by hosho, ngoma, and singing. He will be joined by the Chiyedza Mbira Ensemble, which consists of percussion students and faculty at the University of Missouri. Formed in 2014 as a collaboration between English Professor Anand Prahlad and Percussion Professor Megan Arns, Chiyedza has worked with Zimbabwean musicians Fradreck Mujuru, Patience Munjeri, and Musekiwa Chingodza, focusing on the treasured aural tradition of Shona mbira music. This weekend, Musekiwa and Chiyedza will travel to Indianapolis, Indiana where they have been selected to perform a Daytime World Showcase Concert at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention.

Chiyedza Mbira Ensemble:
Nathan Andrzejewski
Jonathan Bonney
Juan José R. Calvo
Clayton Carter
Zachary Davis
Christopher Fusco
Alex Gueterman
Matthew Hudson
Hannah Hutchins
Audrey Kerns
Darren Long
Taylor Petska
Noah Petti
Jarel Powell
Brianna Trainor
Nickolas Williams

If you wish to meet the performers after the performance, you are welcome to do so in the lobby.