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OU professor performs with renowned African music ensemble

Oakland University music professor **Mark Stone** is in Durban, South Africa to perform with the acclaimed Bernard Woma Ensemble on May 21. The show, "Celebrate Africa," is part of the World Music Concert Series with the KwaZulu-Natal Philharmonic Orchestra.

A native of Ghana, Woma has shared the stage with Yo Yo Ma and the New York Philharmonic and also performed for Bill Clinton, Queen Elizabeth II and the late Nelson Mandela. The KwaZulu-Natal Philharmonic Orchestra is South Africa's premiere symphony orchestra, having played at Mandela's funeral in 2013. OU music alumnus Daniel Walshaw is the artistic administrator for the orchestra.



Mark Stone (right) in a previous performance with the Bernard Woma Ensemble.

Professor Stone coordinates the World Music and Percussion Programs at Oakland, while teaching courses in ethnomusicology and international studies. He also directs the university's African Ensemble, World Percussion Ensemble and Steel Band, and is a member of the OU Faculty Jazz Quartet.

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Watch Facebook video of Dr. Stone in rehearsal [here](#).



This photo shows the Bernard Woma Ensemble in rehearsal with the KZN Philharmonic. OU professor Mark Stone is in the right foreground. Maestro Bernhard Gueller is on the podium. Facebook photo by John Walton.