


Singing and playing traditional African songs

	Key composers, genre and instruments
Composer/ Singer - Master KG	Kgaogelo Moagi, known professionally as Master KG, is a South African musician and record producer. 
Nomcebo Zikode	Nomcebo Nothule Zikode (born 1985), is a South African singer and songwriter. Zikode was a backing singer for several years. She has collaborated with many different singers.
African music	African singers use a wide variety of sounds. The melodies are short, repeated over and over, also include whistles and yodels which is peculiar to African style of music.
African instruments	The most widely spread and played instruments in Africa are the drum, the xylophone, the mbira (thumb piano), rattles and shakers.



Nomcebo Zikode sings on the song Jerusalema.



The thumb piano has many names: mbira, finger piano, gourd piano.

Key Skills
Play instruments accurately in time with the music.
Sing African songs expressively with actions.
Respond to African music in movement.
Listen to and appreciate music from a variety of recorded artists.
Read simple music notations (ta, te-te shh)



Relevant songs
Jerusalema
Che Che Kule
Simama Ka
Hands Feet Heart
Obwisana

	Key Vocabulary
pulse	A steady beat felt or heard throughout a song.
rhythm	A pattern of beats.
call and response	A leader calls words or a rhythm and a group responds with words or a rhythm.
percussion	Instruments which are hit, scraped or shaken.
djembe	A popular African drum.
thumb piano	A popular tuned African instrument.
tone	A sound - different pitched tones can be made on a drum.
notation	The way music is written down
rest	A pause in the music of silence.

