



Peace and Blessings, Family,

On June 25, 1975, the people of Mozambique triumphantly gained their freedom through organized resistance against centuries of Portuguese colonial rule, becoming one of the last continental African nations to reclaim its sovereignty. This victory was not only a political milestone but a cultural renaissance: a resurgence of identity, resilience, and self-determination.

One of the most striking symbols of this newfound freedom is the capulana, a staple of Mozambican life. Woven with vibrant colors and intricate designs, the capulana is more than fabric—it is a declaration of heritage, a statement of pride, and a manifestation of freedom itself. Worn for both spiritual and practical purposes, it became the ultimate symbol of the ascendance and rebirth of the cultural legacy and heritage of Mozambique. In this renewed consciousness, their magic and essence shine through their cultural traditions—past and present, old and new.

The staff at BAM invites you to join the Council of Elders, Fatouseck Primus and her company Mama Coumba Saaraba, The Billie's Youth Arts Academy Dance Ensemble, and the DanceAfrica Spirit Walkers as we proudly present *Mozambique: Movement! Magic! Manifestation!* featuring this year's honored guest artists, the National Song and Dance Company of Mozambique, for the 48th annual DanceAfrica festival! It will be a wonderful celebration in dance, music, art, food, fashion, and film of traditional and contemporary Africa and its diaspora. Experience the passion, the beauty, and the joy!

Always in the Spirit of Unity,
Baba Abdel R. Salaam