

BLACK BEANZ PLAYBILL



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DANCE TEAM

Chomba Olenga- Tanzania/East HS (10th-15)- Coach, Choreographer, AV Specialist
Kamana Pasi- Tanzania/North HS (11th-16)--Captain
Martin Kwitonda-Uganda/North HS (9th North-15)-Choreographer, Flipper
Yoshua Fazili-Tanzania/North HS (9th-15) Spokesman
Samweli Matendo-Tanzania/North HS (9th-14) Singer, Model
Mmunga Alimasi-Tanzania/North (9th-15) Hospitality
Malanga Asende - Tanzania/Jennings (8th-14) Singer, Drummer
Justly Rwema-Uganda/North HS (10th-16) Stage Manager

TEAM CO-MANAGER & DIRECTOR

Tom Crain-Director of Shanti Community Farms

TEAM CO-MANAGER & MARKETING DIRECTOR

David Brooks, President of 360 North Consulting

DANCER'S PLAYLIST SAMPLER

[DANCE LIKE](#) by Petit Afro (Tanzania)

[BERNA](#) by Diamond Platinumz (Tanzania)

[GIMME](#) by Diamond Platinumz (Tanzania)

[YOPE](#) by Innoss'B (Congo)

[UNACHEZAJE](#) by Diamond Platinumz (Tanzania) FREESTYLE

[BAAKO RIDIM](#) by A-Star (Nigeria)

[BINA NA NGA](#) by Robinio Mundibu (Congo)

SPECIAL OCCASION

[YELE](#) by BM (Wedding March) BY SPECIAL REQUEST

[OLANDI](#) by Innoss 'B (Congo)

SEASONAL

[Michael Jacksons Thriller](#) Halloween

[Jingle bells afro cypher](#) Christmas

[JERUSALEMA by Master KG](#) (South Africa) Christmas

ABOUT SHANTI FARMS & YARD CORPS

SCF is working with the local immigrant and refugee community to create a major urban agricultural training facility for economic development and education.

The company name “Shanti” appropriately means “peace” in Nepali. SCF is designed to preserve and showcase the agricultural heritage of Akron area immigrant families and youth. Projects include: urban farm for immigrants, Yard Corps/Golden Time Picnics, teen i-Pop and Gospel musical performances for middle and high school youth and Farm to School/Kuku-ra for elementary students. All with tutoring and ESL teaching components. In addition, bamboo building (landscaping items and furniture) and Shaman (Eastern traditional medicine doctors) healing.

ABOUT BEANZ' AFRICAN MUSIC

Black Beanz dance moves reflect an African fusion music genre sung primarily in Swahili. It's triple style trendy African genres (Bongo Flava out of Tanzania, Ndombolo out of Congo and Amapiano out of South Africa) combining traditional Afrobeats infused with R & B, hip hop, Reggae and gospel.

Dancing is primarily learned in the church and at family/village gatherings sometimes starting as early as 5 years old! In East Africa, where most of our African immigrant families originate, music and dance are important ways of communicating, motivating, and creating a community. For agricultural-based African families, dancing and singing is an important part of the day while working in the fields.

Western Music is, broadly speaking, expressed with emphasis on the downbeat, whereas **African music seems to emphasize the rhythm on the upbeat**. Notice how African dancing stresses downward movements, Asian and European stress upward movements (hands raised).

See the more than 20 FEATURED APPEARANCES in 2021-2022:

1. North Akron Library Live! (August 2021)
2. A Golden Time Picnics, Akron (*July-September 2021*),
3. PorchRokr, Akron (Aug 2021)
4. GAINS at the Zoo: Akron Sustainability Professionals Fall Meeting (Sep 21)
5. Unitarian Universalist Church Picnic (Sep 2021), Akron

6. West Hill Fall Fest (Oct 30 2021), Akron
7. Phil Lombardo Akron Councilman Fundraiser (Nov 21)
8. Ohio Dance Festival, selected as Top 10 in State) Columbus (April 2022)
9. Beck Center Madjax Concert, Cleveland (May 2022)
10. Akron Zoo Multicultural Fest, (May 2022)
11. International Institute of Akron World Refugee Day (June 2022)
12. City of Akron Lock 3 Festival Stage (June 2022)
13. Canton African American Arts Fest (July 2022)
14. PorchRokr, Akron (Aug 2021)
15. ASIA Inc Multicultural Fest, Akron (August 2022)
16. Akron Civic Global Getdown (Sep 2022)
17. Kent State U Fall Halloween Fest (October 22)
18. Global Ties Thanksgiving Fest, Akron (October 22)
19. Cuyahoga Falls Natural Heritage Fest (October 22)
20. Northeast U.S. African Talent Showcase, Buffalo (December 2022)

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21. Western U.S. African Talent Showcase, Albuquerque (January 2023)
22. St Bernard Multicultural Fest (February 2023)
23. Cleveland Cavaliers Half-Time Show, February 2023