

Mp3 Kofi Ameyaw, Gina Ferrera - Toast To The Gyl



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High energetic traditional wooden sound from west africaghana 5 MP3 Songs WORLD: African, FOLK: Traditional Folk Details: Kofi Ameyaw, is a natural born performer. As a drummer, he is noted for his sensitivity and passion for bringing joy to people through music. A native of Ghana, he began his musical career at the age of nine-years old and was introduced to many styles of African music. Kofi started playing with the world-renowned Pan-African Youth Orchestra and toured throughout Ghana, Zimbabwe South Africa. His talent was quickly recognized and he was promoted to the senior orchestra, performing major venues in the U.S., Canada, the U.K. other countries throughout Europe. As an educator, Kofi teaches different styles of African music, privately and at various schools and universities in the U.S. Kofi is currently teaching African Ensemble at Eastern Michigan University. Discography includes "Toast to the Gyl and Taste of the Gyl released in 2006, Ameyaw Goes Solo 2000 and Release 2004. Kofi Ameyaw also performs with a Congolese group known as Bichini Bia Congo, also perform and records with the Bernard Woma Trio (Jumbie Records) Biakuye. Upon meeting Gina Ferrera, the first thing you'll notice is her infectious energy enthusiasm. It permeates every aspect of her dialogue, mannerisms and view of the world. Yes, the lady is alive. The second thing you'll notice is the sincerity with which she goes about crafting her music. Her first solo album "Blended Beat" "a charmingly naive gem of a record"- (Global Village Idiot Webzine, 2004), features Gina on vocals, gyl, drums percussion and appearances by guest artists. It captures the essence of African rhythm, while expressing Ferrera's own vocal style and artistic approach (Engine-Studios, Brooklyn). Her New York based band, Blended Beat. is expecting the new album, Life in the Key of "G", to be released in the fall, 2005 (Engine-Studios). Gina has recorded and toured internationally (U.K., Europe Canada) playing drums with the afro-beat band, KOKOLO. As a performer and educator, she has established "Gina's Gyl World Music Magic" to conduct workshops

classes at various venues, schools civic centers. Gina is a teaching artist, that has been perfecting the art of "creative dramatics improvisational play" including movement and storytelling, using percussion instruments, most specifically, the gyil, shekere and mbira. ginaferrera.com/

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