

# Mp3 Bwalya - Seka Seka



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A beautiful blend of African roots with modern Jazz celebrating the joys of both worlds. 11 MP3 Songs

WORLD: World Beat, JAZZ: African Jazz Details: Bwalya Chimfwembes voice is as exotic as her background. Born at the mission hospital in Monze, a small town in the heart of the Southern Province of Zambia in Africa, Bwalya has risen from humble roots to the world stage. Coming from a family of eleven raised by her policeman father and her home-making mother, Bwalya tested her voice in the Copperbelt town of Mufulira. Whether singing in the classroom or in the drama club or even under a streetlight or Mango tree with neighbouring children, Bwalyas voice soared above all. Although she wanted to become a vet, Bwalyas desire and love for singing was too strong to ignore and easily became her career. She was first inspired by one of Zambias great voices, the late Chisala Kalusha Jr., for whom she has special respect. She has dedicated the song Ne Mulanda, which appears on her first album Seka Seka to him. She also grew up listening to various Zambian artistes and jazz greats such as Sara Vaughan. She further drew inspiration from the golden voices of Africa Salif Keita, Rochereau Tabu Ley, Mbilia Bel and the Queen of Salsa Celia Cruz. Bwalya left Zambia in 1990 for Germany, spending the first years doing shows for Radio RPR 1 and charity shows for SOS children villages. During this time, she took time to learn German and started teaching German children to sing and dance. She has appeared on various German TV senders like ARD Immer wieder Sonntags, ZDF on ZDF Fernsehse Garten, WDR 3 on various programmes. She has also sang for Pope Benedict XVI, the current German Chancellor Angela Merkel, the former German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder and had appeared twice before the then President of the Federal Republic of Germany Johannes Rau at Schlo Bellevue at his garden party and also for his successor Horst Köhler. The Zambian-born singer has shared the stage with Shirley Bassey in Berlin at the Rosen Ball (Bertelmanns), Jennifer Rush at the Fisch Markt Halle in Hamburg, Manu Dibango and

Shakira at the UNESCO Ball in Neuss, Weather Girls for the TV sender ZDF and George McRae (Rock your baby) in Munich. She appeared as a special guest on Tabu Leys Show in Kln Mlheim when he toured Germany in 2005. Always eager to travel, Bwalya has been touring Germany for more than seven years with her own band, various orchestras and big bands, appearing special guest star in the Kln arena for the TV sender WDR 3 and several times at the famous Sport Ball in Frankfurt. Bwalyas heart has a tender spot for children. Apart from the SOS children Villages, she has also done charity shows for orphans in Burkina Faso and Togo. On her debut CD TeKeLa, Bwalya blends African roots with modern jazz and her songs celebrate the joys of both worlds. The songs on the CD are an eclectic recollection of her childhood in Mazabuka and time spent in home village of Kasama in the Northern Province of Zambia. Her album, Seka Seka, shows the limitless talents that Bwalya possesses as she showcases her writing abilities with a tantalizing mixture of songs. As the literally translation of the cover song says, you have to smile when you listen to Bwalyas jazz-influenced music vibrate within your bones. You may want to call it Africa beat but its not. You may want to call it European jive but its not. You want may want to call it American jazz but its not. Bwalyas music is unique. Its hers and hers only. And what beautiful blend of cultures! Maidstone Mulenga Entertainment Editor Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester, New York.

What the CD Seka Seka is all about: Balila nzala (They are crying of hunger ) A widow urges her fellow women in the community to join hands with her and till the land. Her children are hungry and she needs help to feed them. Nkaya Kwi (Where will I go) A sad love song Nkashi Nandi (My sister) Its a celebration of a beloved girlfriend who is truly a friend indeed. Sensela (Make haste) A cry for forgiveness Abena fyalo (Foreigners) An african mother appeals to other parents to give their children a good education, teach them humanism and the fear of God. Foreigners are laughing saying she's not able to help herself. Ninkana (I refuse) This message is for all who talk and do nasty things behind other peoples backs. Seka Seka (Laugh Laugh) A love song full of joy. Pesa (Money) The love of money Ne Mulanda (Poor me) A tribute to Chisala Kalusha Jnr. a famous Zambian singer who greatly inspired Bwalya in her career Namupenda (I love him) It's a delicious love song Sitaki (I dont like this) This song is about a husband who has been cheating on his wife and she is telling him shes had enough

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