



## **SOUTH AFRICA COMES TO BROOKLYN COLLEGE!**

**Levenson Recital Hall  
Monday, December 7, 2009, 11:30 a.m.**

The Music Conservatory at Brooklyn College and Education Africa present a djembe drum performance by its students from Masibambane College in South Africa.

Four South African students, ages 12 and 13, from Masibambane College will be performing a djembe drum and traditional music concert on campus. The djembe, the drum of the Mandinka people, has a great cultural heritage in Africa, dating back to the Mali Empire of the 12<sup>th</sup> century.

Masibambane College is located 30 miles south of Johannesburg in the massive informal settlement of Orange Farm, home to more than 350,000 people who have suffered from a high unemployment rate and limited services. Created by Education Africa, the school is now partnered with St. John's College, Anglican Church, and receives significant funding from the city of Vienna to provide the community and the surrounding areas access to a quality educational institution.

Established in 1992, Education Africa strives to reach and uplift the poorest of the poor. The organization assists disadvantaged South Africans in their quest to obtain a quality, relevant education in order to ensure that they become global citizens and a competitive, productive element in the local job market. It firmly believes that education will transform South Africa into a progressive nation, enabling it to sustain economic growth and stability. Through its belief in strong partnerships and the invaluable support of its immense volunteer base, Education Africa is proud to have effected massive and enriching changes in the lives of tens of thousands of Africans on an annual basis.

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