

## RATENG BAND

### PROFILE

Rateng is a Luo word meaning black; the band derives its name and musical strength from our fore fathers whose African music was rich and original. The band first came together in 2006 and is composed of Winyo as lead singer/guitarist, Moses as percussionist/back ground vocalist, Isaac Gem as bassist/back ground vocalist.



### MUSIC

The musical genre is contemporary traditional Luo music transformed into an authentic acoustic sound with a mellow vocal touch of Luo melodies and rhythms.

### RATENG BACKGROUND

Having formed the band a year ago, Rateng has made several public performances, each receiving a great deal of appreciation and applause. Most of the fans acquired in this short period of time refer to the band as the true African/Kenyan band that has long been waited for. Merged together, Winyo's soothing angelic voice, Isaac's sensuous warm alto and Moses' calm steady baritone produce true, mellow harmonies that leave the audience with a real sweet feel of African music. Performances include :

- The recently concluded BBC Radio Journalist of the Year Award, hosted in Nairobi Kenya.
- The Hon. Raila Odinga's Presidential Launch (Kenya).
- Sawa Sawa Jazz festivals, along side Jazz maestro Hugh Masekhela (South Africa) and Ayub Ogada (Kenyan nyatiti player based in England).

### RATENG MEMBERS AND BACKGROUND

Winyo is a lead singer/songwriter of great sensitivity who plays acoustic guitar. He is also a professional photographer and a video producer. He is currently executive video producer for an upcoming media company called Big foot productions, which he initiated.

Isaac Gem is an accomplished music producer/songwriter and an excellent bass player, who has traveled around the world as former band leader for Destinee & various major Kenyan artists. Isaac Gem joined Rateng as music producer/song writer, as well as bass player and vocalist. He is currently executive music producer for Big foot productions.

Moses Njuguna is a versatile percussionist/drum player, whose wit and brilliance with African drums have got him to travel the world. Last year, he performed at the North Sea Jazz festival in the Netherlands. Moses joined Rateng as percussionist/drum player. As an accomplished sound engineer, Moses has since joined Big foot productions as chief sound engineer.

### RATENG'S GOAL

Our goal is to take African music all over the world and enliven people to dance and sing to the sweet and haunting sounds of African instruments and songs.

Rateng will launch its debut album THUMOLOGY this year.

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