



Mbizo Chirasha Professional/Artistic Resume

Introduction and Background

Mbizo Chirasha [1978] is an acclaimed wordsmith ,performances poet ,widely published poet and writer. He is the Founder and Creative Director of several creative initiatives and projects [*Young writers Caravan Project 2003-current*],*This is Africa Poetry Night 2006-2008*, *Zimbabwe Amateur Poetry conference 2007 – 2010* , *African Drums Poetry Festival 2007*, *GirlChildCreativity Project 2011- Current* , *GirlchildTalent Festival 2012*.

The widely travelled poet and creative projects consultant is widely published in more 60 journals, anthologies, websites , reviews , newspapers , blogs and poetry collections around the world. Some of the countries he travelled **include Ghana, Sweden , Egypt, Tanzani , South Africa , Mozambique , Namibia ,Zambia and Malawi**

The poet have done a number of official , NGO creative interventions and consultancy programmes with *Social Family Health [Namibia2009-2010]* on a Hiv/Aids Documentary Project, *Catholic Relief Services Zimbabwe 2006* on a Hiv/Aids Nutrition Project, *Swedish Cooperative Centre 2006 on Arts against Drought[Zimbabwe]*.

Mbizo provide interventions, Speaker series and creativity lectures in youth, diplomatic ,literal , cultural and artistic communities and widely profiled in local , international and regional newspapers , broadcasts and websites.

His writings are published in **Canada, Germany,Norway,South Africa, Turkey ,Ghana ,Kenya ,Namibia ,Zimbabwe America, India , ,Wales America,**

London ,Nigeria and other countries. He co- authored *Whispering woes of Ganges and Zambezi* with Sweta Vikram from New York, 2010,his poetry collection *Good Morning President* was published by Diaspora publishers UK,2011.

In 2001- 2003 Mbizo was the Membership Drive officer for Budding writers Association of Zimbabwe. In2000 was Outreach Agent for Zimbabwe Book Development Council, Delegate of Zimbabwe international Book fair to Goteborg international book fair /Sweden in 2003,Delegate of Zebra publishing House ,Namibia to Unesco Photo Novel Writing Project in Tanzania 2009,Poet in Residence of International Conference of African Culture Development in Ghana 2009,Producer/Coordinator of I am the Artist project ,an Artist in Residence program by Zimbabwe Germany Society /Goethe Zentrum.

He holds Writing Skills and Editorial Expertise certificates courtesy of BWAZ/SAIH-Norway.Mbizo work as a poet/writer in residency, Readership and literacy culture development Advocate, Media Relations Strategist, Live Literature Producer and Creative Projects Consultant. Follow Mbizo Chirasha on Google or face book.

Notable Poetry Presentations and Performances by Mbizo Chirasha

- Sadc Poetry Festival, Namibia[Sept 2009]

Harare international festival of Arts, Zimbabwe, 2005-2011

Protest arts international Festival, Zimbabwe,October 2010

Africana women Conference, Univervisity of Zimbabwe, October 2010

International Conference of African Culture and Development, Ghana, Nov 2010

Goteborg international Book FAIR, Sweden, 2003

Nordic African Institute, Sweden, 2003

Swedish Writers Union, 2003

Rinkieby LIBRARY, Sweden, 2003

Swedish Library association, Sweden, 2003

This is Africa Poetry Night, Zimbabwe 2006-2008
Haiti Fundraising Dinner Project, an 2010-2011
Tambo Tambulani FESTIVAL, July 2010
Us Embassy Public Affairs/International Poetry Day, March 2011
Pastime REDU festival 2007- 2010
International poetry Day, Zimbabwe, March 2012
Zimbabwe Book Reading Campaign, 2001
Mambo Publishers Book Launches, 1998- 2006
Zimbabwe International Book FAIR, 1998-2011
Franco-Namibia Culture Centre, July 2009
Black History month, Zimbabwe, February 2011
Zambia writers Association, 2007
House of Hunger Poetry Slam – South Africa, 2010
Zimbabwe peace Festival, 2006

Facilitations, Lectures and Seminars

-Good Morning President Book Reading and presentation- Us Public Affairs, Library Gweru, March 2012
-Life /trials and tribulations of a poet, Us Embassy Public Affairs ,Harare, March 2011
-Reflections of a Poet , Us Embassy Public Affairs ,Education Section, Bulawayo ,June 2011
-synergy of Visual arts and Poetry, Franco Namibia Cultural Centre, Windhoek, Namibia, 2009
-Sida Diplomatic Luncheon, Sweden, 2003
-Nordic African Institute, Sweden 2003

- Developing African Arts and Literacy through Poetry, Ghana ,2009
- motivating Creativity in girls, Book Cafe Culture House, 2011
- Creative social responsibility workshop, Us Embassy Public Affairs 2011
- Writing skills workshops and Seminars /Bwaz and Young Writers Caravan, 1998- 2008
- Studying poetry in Schools/Writer in the Classroom program, specisis College, Harare
- School Talent Identification project, Nhowe Mission High School,2004-2006
- Developing Writers and Literature Associations, Mozambique, 2010
- Developing Communities through Arts and Creativity,Chiedza Childcare Centre ,Harare ,2011

Initiatives and Projects

Young WRITERS caravan 2003- Current

- founded by Mbizo Chirasha for community rural schools writing skills and literacy expansion and Development

This is Africa Poetry Night

- Created in 2006 to develop exchange , integrative and motivational models for Spoken Word artists

Zimbabwe Amateur Poetry Conference 2006-2007

- developed to impart writers skills to young writers and Poets in Zimbabwe

African Drums Poetry Festival-2007

- A festival of words and cultural exchange among poets in Namibia , Zambia ,Zimbabwe and Swaziland

GirlchildCreativity Project -2011-Current

- Developed to mitigate the underrepresentation of young female artists and writers in areas of arts, creativity development, readership and literacy culture development.

GirlchildTalent Festival, Current

- Festival to mentor young female and prepare them for arts and Creativity as a profession ,
- With a thrust to build communities through arts and creativity

Professional Appointments

Membership Drive Officer/Bwaz,2001-2003

- Organizing , organizational clubs and branches in both urban and rural of Zimbabwe

Outreach Agent/ZBDC, Zimbabwe,2001-2002

-motivating schools to read books for literacy culture development

Events Coordinator- Poetry Caravan- 1998

- To develop a performance platform for young poets in Midlands Province

Acting Chapter Chairperson of Budding writers Association of Zimbabwe,200-2001

-organizing events and membership drive for Midlands Branch

Founder/Programs director, WRITERS caravan, 2003- 2006

-developing and implementing projects and activities

-managing the project to bring intended results

Event/Programs Consultant-This is Africa Poetry Night

-advising and strategising on events and projects

Founder/Executive Producer/Drums FESTIVAL

- Developing and implementing regional festival Concept

Founder Creative Director, Girl Child Creativity Project

- Initiating , creating , developing and implementing projects

Founder /Creative Director, Girl child Talent Festival

- Developing ,fundraising and managing the project

Writer/Poet in Residency Programs

-Icadd, Ghana- International conference of African Culture Development,2009

-Atelier Artist School, Egypt –Artist in Residency, 2006

- -This is the Artist Project,Goethe-Zentrum,Zimbabwe
- Visual arts and poetry collaboration project

Consultancy

- This is Africa poetry night 2006- developing and strategising the concept
- Jibilika Dance Festival2007- Media Relations/Leading the publicity and publicity events
- Zimbabwe Peace Festival2006,Programming , organising pre-festival Marketing and Publicity events and managing the festival artists
- Sadc Poetry Festival 2009 –Media Relations- PRE-festival Marketing
- Social Family Health, Namibia 2009-2010, Creative Director/Producer- Documentary project on Hiv/Aids
- Catholic Relief SERVICES2006- Interventionist- creative Field program on Nutrition and Hiv/Aids activities
- Zebra Publishing House 2006,,Namibia English Editorial Consultant

Notable Media /Press Profiles

Some Web Links on Mbizo Chirasha

1. <http://www.ditchpoetry.com/mbizochirasha.htm> - Ditch journal
2. <http://www.fullofcrow.com/poetry/archives/mbizo-chirasha-1011/>- Full of Crow Journal
3. www.mbizotheblackpoet.blogspot.com- mbizo chirasha official blog site
4. www.poetrychatroom.blogspot.com- mbizo chirasha blog
5. http://harare.usembassy.gov/world_poetry_day_2011.html- American Embassy story on Mbizo Chirasha as a guest poet.
6. <http://www.cyberwit.net/authors/mbizo-chirasha-mbizo> chirasha publisher
7. http://www.herald.co.zw/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=36859:chirasha-poet-par-excellence&catid=43:entertainment&Itemid=135- Herald Newspaper write up on Mbizo Chirasha
8. <http://poetrybulawayo.blogspot.com/2012/05/road-to-damascus-by-mbizo-chirasha.html>- Poetry Bulawayo Journal
9. <http://www.zimbojam.com/blogs/tag/mbizo-chirasha/>- mbizo is Zimbojam journal
10. <http://redroom.com/member/mbizo-chirasha/blog/a-selected-list-of-poetry-contributions-by-mbizo-chirasha-aka-blackpoet-to-various-publications-around>- Mbizo Chirasha in Red room website.

You can also Google/Mbizo Chirasha-Press Profiles and Articles

List of Poetry/Writings Publications

South Africa / -Consciousness Magazine, Sibali Journal

Canada / -Ditch journal, Red fez entertainment journal, Paragon Press[Memorial University Creative Writing in Alberta2009] , Sun and Snow Anthology[Africa /Canada collaboration literary effort] , Word gathering Journal.

United States /-Aids out Africa journal [2004 all Africa HIV/AIDS anti-stigma

Poetry Contest, Poem2day Critical Review, Velvet Illusion journal, Poetry.Com, Phathood Literary Magazine, Psychic Literature Review, Full of Crow journal, African Writer.Com Journal, World Poetry Movement Contest [2011, pending], Cultural studies journal 2007, Bfemlit online journal.

.Senegal- A Collection of Poems Radio Africa/ 2008

United Kingdom /- Forward Press Journals and Anthologies [2009-2011], Mazwi journal [2009] Wales /- Kushinda Arts Journal [2010]

Haiti/Great Britain /- Poems Lime Jewel [Haiti Disaster Solidarity fundraising poetry/stories in Anthology 2010]

Finland /- Collection of Poems in the Ovi Magazine [2007-2011]

India /- Poems in Posy of Poesy Anthology 2009, Poets Paradise Anthology 2010 [Collections of World Poetry in English/English Dept/JKC College in Guntur], - Whispering Woes of Ganges and Zambezi [Co-authored Poetry anthology by Mbizo Chirasha /Zimbabwe and New York Based Indian born Sweta Vikram/ a Cyber wit Press Publication August 2011]

Turkey /- BH, Samat Icsrilankastargate Journal April 2010 Ghana/ - Poems in Volumes of One Ghana One Voice, Poem in ICACD Journal [Poet in Residence 2009]

Norway /

- Poems SAIH Website [Norwegian student journal, 2002]

Mexico City - Ofi press [2012]

Germany /- Poems in Lyrik-line, Poems in Whispers of the Continent Anthology for 2012

Zimbabwe /- United States Public Affairs Section Website 2011 [Poems for US Ambassador Charles Ray New Generation Poets/Black History Month Celebration], Daily News in Zimbabwe Poetry Column [April-July 2011], The Mail Newspaper [Africa Day Poetry Special 2011], United Nations Information Centre Bulletins [2001-2008], Iranian Embassy magazines [2001 -2005] Poetry Bulawayo Journal, Budding Writers Association/Writer Scroll journal [2002-2003], NCA Constitution Journal [2004-2007], Africa Poetry Chat room blog [2007-2011], MbizotheBlackPoet blog [2011], Poetry for Somalia blog, Collection of Mbizo Chirasha Face Book Notes [2009-cont], Moto magazine [gweru 1997-98]

Good Morning President Poetry Collection by Mbizo Chirasha [Diaspora Publishers UK 2011.]

Whispering woes of Ganges and Zambezi Cyber wit Press /India 2010 - co-authored collection Mbizo Chirasha and Sweta Vikram

[Video Links](#)/Mbizo Chirasha- YouTube Videos

[Books](#),- *Good Morning President/UK 2011, Whispering Woes of Ganges and Zambezi 2010.India/Newyork*

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[Future projects](#)- Urban Colleges Writers Prize-2012-2013

Propaganda Hot Dogs- Collection- 2014-2015