

ZIMBABWEAN DRUM, DANCE & MBIRA WITH CHRIS BERRY

Storytelling & Performance Friday May 4th – 7 pm

Blue Sage Center, Grand Avenue, Paonia

\$10 suggested donation • Kids 12 & under free

Chris will tell traditional African folk tales, and perform & sing beautiful mbira music. He will also discuss his travels with renowned saxophonist Paul Winter for “Flyways”, a musical celebration of the great annual bird migrations from Eurasia to Africa.

Drum & Dance Workshops Saturday May 5th & Sunday May 6th

Memorial Hall, 1st & Main, Hotchkiss

\$18/class • \$15/class if pre-registered by April 15th

Saturday May 5th – Drum 10:30 am • Dance 12:00 pm

Sunday May 6th – Drum 11:00 am • Dance 1:00 pm

Mbira classes each day, call for details.



Chris Berry's musical journey took flight at age 18, when Berry and his mentor—African drum master Titos Sompa, with whom Berry had been studying since age 13—boarded a plane for Congo's Brazzaville. After a ten-day boat trip up the Congo River, Berry arrived in a remote village and immersed himself in the culture and music. His fascination of Zimbabwean mbira (thumb piano) music eventually lured him to Harare, where he settled and studied under legendary mbira master Monderek Muchena for ten years. During that time, Berry put together his band Panjea, whose pioneering blend of indigenous music, dance hall, and hip-hop earned platinum album sales throughout Zimbabwe, Mozambique, and beyond. Since that time Chris has been teaching drum, dance & mbira and performing in the United States and abroad.

To Register:

Make checks payable to Chris Berry & send to:
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For more information call 970-872-4413