

Concert Host Script

HELIOPSIS

HOST: "Welcome to our virtual concert featuring a group called Heliopsis (hee-lee-AWP-sis). Today we'll meet musicians Mikey and Nyttu (NEE-too). Let's listen to their first piece of music, *Katydid*."

VIDEO: [Katydid](#), by Heliopsis (3 min.)

HOST: "Mikey plays the cello (CHE-llow) and Nyttu plays the timbila (tim-BEE-la). In the next video, Nyttu will share some facts and information about the timbila."

VIDEO: [Timbila Demonstration](#) (1:30 min.)

HOST: "Nyttu comes from the country of Mozambique on the continent of Africa. Many of the instruments he plays are common in Mozambique. Take a look on the map below to see where Mozambique is located."

VISUAL: [Map of Mozambique](#)

HOST: "Mikey and Nyttu use a process called *improvisation* to create many of their compositions. In the next video, they will explain and demonstrate how they collaborate and use improvisation to compose pieces together."

VIDEO: [Improvisation Demonstration](#) (2:30 min.)

HOST: "Did you notice the instrument Nyttu was playing in that video? It's called the mbira (mBEE-rah). Let's take a closer look at that instrument."

VIDEO: [Mbira Demonstration](#) (1:30 min.)

HOST: "We've seen three instruments today: the timbila, the mbira, and... does anyone remember the name of Mikey's instrument? It's the cello. Let's learn a little more about the cello."

VIDEO: [Cello Demonstration](#) (1:30 min.)

HOST: "Mikey and Nyttu composed *Ngoma ya Tumbuluko* through improvisation. As you watch, think about how they might have worked together to create this piece."

VIDEO: [Ngoma ya Tumbuluko](#), by Heliopsis (4:30 min.)

HOST: "Thank you for coming to our Class Notes concert featuring Heliopsis! We hoped you enjoyed learning about the cello, timbila, mbira and the process of improvisation! Let's give a round of applause for Mikey and Nyttu!"