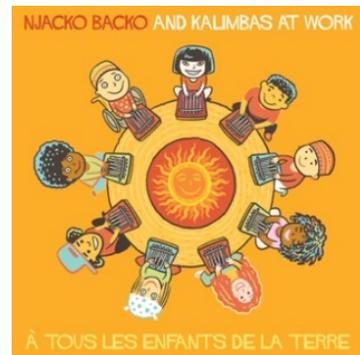


**Njacko Backo and Kalimbas At Work**  
***A Tous Les Enfants De La Terre***  
***(To All The Children Of The World)***



**Njacko Backo announces the launch of *À Tous Les Enfants De La Terre* with his new band Kalimbas At Work.**

TORONTO - Njacko Backo's twelfth album and first release with Kalimbas At Work, will be celebrated at Small World Music Centre on February 29, 2020 at 8:00 PM. Produced by multi-award decorated and much sought after recording producer Ken Whiteley, this album follows Njacko's 2013 Canadian Folk Music Award-nominated album *Ici Bas, Rien N'est Impossible*.

While deeply rooted in Cameroonian rhythms of Ben Skin and Manganbeu, Njacko breaks tradition by layering in up to three kalimbas (African piano) and adding ngoni (African harp) to create vibrations that are not only fun to dance to but are deeply nourishing for the soul. Njacko has dropped most of the western instruments from his previous recordings and maintained his signature award-winning songwriting and melodies. He also keeps the fiddle played by world-renowned fiddler and longtime collaborator Anne Lederman. The band includes Njacko (kalimba, ngoni, percussion, lead vocals), Anne (kalimba, fiddle, backing vocals), Valery Woloshyn (kalimba, percussion, backing vocals) and Walter MacLean (percussion, backing vocals). Special guests on the album include Ken Whiteley (banjo, mandolin, vibraphone, lap steel guitar, backing vocals) and Joseph Callender (flute, saxophone).

Njacko was recently chosen as a finalist for the 2019 Johanna Metcalf Performing Arts Prize which recognizes artists who have had an impact on their field and the public and show great promise for the future. At a time in the world when young people are speaking up for their futures and the future of the entire planet, Njacko draws his inspiration from children and creates music that underscores the importance of love, togetherness and respect. Universal love is the common theme throughout all of Njacko's artistic offerings. Njacko says, "Every time I perform, my goal is to touch people's hearts, make them dance and have fun."

Event: Njacko Backo and Kalimbas At Work, *A Tous Les Enfants de la Terre*

Featuring special guests: Ken Whiteley, Joseph Callender

Date: Saturday February 29, 2019

Doors at 7:30 pm, show 8pm - 10pm

Venue: Small World Music Centre, 180 Shaw Street, Studio 101, Toronto

Admission: \$25 includes CD

Tickets: African Drum & Arts Crafts, 618 Dundas St. West, Toronto Tel: (416) 597-0175

Online: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/njacko-backo-and-kalimbas-at-work-cd-launch-a-tous-les-enfants-de-la-terre-tickets-86771683441>

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