



*Members of Kabaselle Yampanya Band pose for a group photo minutes before they thrilled fans at Taifa Hall recently.*

## EMPIRE BAKUBA ROCKS VARSITY

Kabaselle Yampanya, popularly known as Pepe Kalle band leader of Empire Bakuba led his group of artists in a thrilling musical concert at the Taifa Hall in a show that left many people asking for more.

The show, organised by the New York based Kilimanjaro International productions and the University of Nairobi's own Cultural Organization, was a great success.

The 'Giant massive Pepe Kalle, who is 6ft 4in tall, was accompanied by the tantalisingly diminutive Anyira Imoro, christened the Dancing Emoro'.

Among the popular hits the troupe sang were the ever thrilling Moybi Johnnie, Alima and other Lingala 'blues' most of which are composed by star composer Pappy Tex.

The Baleubalettes, led by Nyota, in their seductive attire sent the students

in approar as they danced the nightaway. A first year student, mumbling "oh my, my, my", could not help jumping on the stage to join the infectiously affectionate dancing lady, Nyota.

About 2,000 students attended the show.

Tour promoter, Mr. Seedy of Kilimanjaro International Productions praised the Vice-Chancellor Prof. P.M. Mbithi for allowing Bakuba perform in the campus, and said this was a major boost in the promotion of African Music.

He said, "due to this gesture, I promise in future all musicians of repute we bring to Kenya shall perform right here, in Taifa Hall".

Contacted by *Varsity Focus* after the show, Mr. Seedy said that he was very impressed by the friendly attitude of the students, adding that it was rare to meet

teenagers who appreciated music by their fellow African artists the way the students demonstrated.

Students interviewed after the show said that the gesture by the Nairobi University Cultural Organisation needed support, and emulation. The students were charged KShs.30/- to enter the show.

This was the second music group to visit the University this year. Early in January, Joseph Kamaru and his Kamaru super stars rocked the University and thrilled wildly cheering students. The Kamaru show was initiated and organized by the Literature Students Association.

It was the first time that Kamaru nicknamed the grand old man of Kenyan Music has performed in the University.

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