



Zimbeat is:

Randy Griswold: (Lead vocals, backing vocals, mbira, marimba, trumpet, hosho)

Randy Griswold is a member of the music faculty in the Visual and Performing Arts Department at California State University San Marcos since 1999. He has also taught music courses at San Diego State University and at the University of California Riverside. His compositions have been performed on the Faculty New Music Recitals at San Diego State University. In addition, he has lectured at several institutions and universities throughout Southern California. He has conducted ethnomusicological research in Europe, Oceania, Southeast Asia, Polynesia, and in the Pacific Northwestern United States. He has researched and taught traditional music from Indonesia, China, India, Ghana, and Zimbabwe. He studies musical acoustics and tuning systems and has built a set of seven Zimbabwean-style marimbas. He directs and performs in many world-music ensembles, including Javanese and Balinese gamelan and traditional music of Zimbabwe.

Max Berry: (guitar, marimba, backing vocals)

Max Berry is a product of the corn and soybean fields of rural Delaware, Ohio. As a youngster Max was surrounded by the folk music traditions of Middle America. In 2001, at the age of 20 Max moved to San Diego to pursue his life dream. In 2007, he completed his degree at Cal State San Marcos in Music and Performing Arts. Max's considers himself to have a wide range of musical tastes and appreciation. It is at Cal State that Max became interested in the music of Zimbabwe. Still unsure what his life dream may be, Max loves living in San Diego and playing with his good friends in Zimbeat.

Becky Fleming: (alto and baritone saxophone, backing vocals)

A native of Wisconsin, Becky Fleming earned a Bachelor of Arts with an emphasis in Jazz Studies from UW-Green Bay in 2001. In 2003, she decided to seek out the sunshine and moved to beautiful San Diego! She currently works as the Events Coordinator for the SDSU School of Music and Dance and holds a studio of approximately 20 private woodwind students. She has been teaching private music students since 1999 and teaches at various music camps and group classes in both Wisconsin and California. Becky performs professionally around San Diego in various jazz and world music ensembles.

Garit Imhoff: (lead vocals, backing vocals, mbira, marimba, hosho)

Garit Imhoff is a graduate of The California Institute of the Arts and has played in world music ensembles for the last forty years. He is a professional Clown and an all around entertainer. A teacher of special theatre arts and music programs supported by California Arts Council, National Endowment and local community grants. He also works with special needs students in his local school system. He provides entertainment programs for seniors in Skilled Nursing and Alzheimer facilities and is part of a program that raises funds for arts education in developing countries. He has played with Zimbeat since its inception and appreciates the energy and healing properties of this music.