

Starkville Community Theatre's
Project P.L.A.Y.
presents

AKUM'S FORTUNE

Written and Directed by MJ Etua
June 26-30, 2007

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By M J Etua

Adapted from a Bulu folktale told by Philomene Etua

THE CAST

George Bennett

Katya Gilbo

Abbie Cathcart

Hillary Leonard

Kara Coble

Caitlin Maddox

Kelly Coble

Cameron Maddox

Jessi Collier

Sarah Morse

Allison Cook

Gabe Myles

Colin Damms

Matthew Myles

Kelsey Damms

Shannon Olsen

Rachael Damms

Kelly Truax

Shelby DeFore

Allexie Williams

Kacey Faver

Ena Wei

Ladies and gentlemen, and boys and girls,
please turn off your cell phones, pagers, beepers, electronic games
and any other device that might distract the actors!
Thank you for your cooperation and please enjoy the show!

THE CREW

Writer/Director	M.J. Etua and Philomene Etua
Stage Manager	Claudia Bennett
Movement/Choreographer	Simone Cottrell
Acting Coach	Sara-Claire Lightsey
Administrative Assistant.....	Casey Heflin
Stage Crew	Claudia, Simone, Sara-Claire, Casey
Set	Simone Cottrell
Light Design	Stephen Cunetto
Light Operators	Tess Graham, Taylor Bowen and Thomas La Foe
Costumers	Derrick Aaron, Diane Williams, Carrie Olsen and Pam Maddox
Rhythmatist	Nathan Hare
Set Construction.....	Carey Huser, Joel Ingram, Kris Lee, Scott Brinkley, Brian Hawkins, Thomas La Foe, Carrie Olsen, Bonnie and Seth Oppenheimer and the cast & crew of <i>Akum's Fortune</i>
Paint Crew.....	Courtney Truax, Charlie Powers, Lora DeFore, Alison Stamps, Lyle Tate, Cindy Ruff, Abby Voller and cast & crew of <i>Akum's Fortune</i>



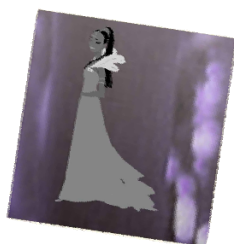
THE SCENES

Scene 1

NKAN- NKANA Jessi Collier
AKUM Gabe Myles
UNCLE..... Cameron Maddox
LEAD DANCERS..... Caitlin Maddox
Ena Wei
Hillary Leonard
Kelly Truax
Sarah Morse

Scene 2

COUSIN 1 Kara Coble
COUSIN 2 Shelby DeFore
COUSIN 3 Shannon Olsen
ABEÑ Katya Gilbo



Scene 3

BEEHUNTER 1 George Bennett
BEEHUNTER 2 Colin Damms
BEEHUNTER 3 Cameron Maddox

Scene 4

FISHERWOMAN 1 Kelly Truax
FISHERWOMAN 2 Caitlin Maddox
FISHERWOMAN 3 Hillary Leonard
FISHERWOMAN 4 Ena Wei
FISHERWOMAN 5 Rachael Damms
FISHERWOMAN 6 Sarah Morse
RIVER Kara Coble
Kelly Coble
Shelby DeFore
Shannon Olsen



THE SCENES

Scene 5

MAMA Abbie Cathcart
PEEKIN 1 Kacey Faver
PEEKIN 2 Kelsey Damms
PEEKIN 3..... Matt Myles

Scene 6

GARDEN WOMAN 1 Sarah Morse
GARDEN WOMAN 2 Kelly Truax
GARDEN WOMAN 3 Hillary Leonard
GARDEN WOMAN 4 Caitlin Maddox
Allison Cook
Rachael Damms
GARDEN GIRLS - Kara Coble
Shelby DeFore
Shannon Olsen
ROOSTER..... Alexie Williams



Scene 7

FARMER George Bennett
SERVANTS 1 Ena Wei
SERVANT 2 Colin Damms
SERVANT 3 Abbie Cathcart
SERVANT 4 Kara Coble
SLEEPING DAUGHTER Kelly Coble

Scene 8

CHIEF DU VILLAGE Matt Myles
HANDMAIDEN 1 Allison Cook
HANDMAIDEN 2 Hillary Leonard
HANDMAIDEN 3 Kelly Truax
WISE ONE Sarah Morse



Scene 9

ALL

FROM THE DIRECTOR

When you are stumped for ideas, it is time to go home! Yes, go home.

Last summer I was telling my mother, Philomene, that I needed to write a children's play but I was searching for an idea. She proceeded to tell me about some folktales she enjoyed as a child. One of her favorites is the story of a young man who succeeded in his quest for a better life by passing on what he gained from his experiences. That is the basis of *Akum's Fortune*.

I hope enjoy this production. The children have worked hard this summer to present Akum's story. And I hope you will appreciate the beauty of the traditions of the Bulu people.

Special thanks goes to the SCT family and its continued support. Thanks to Pattye Archer and her tireless efforts towards the success of the program.

Big THANKS! To the MUSES (SC included). You all are awesome!!

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Bulu are the tribe of people living in the southern region of Cameroun, West Africa.
- The Camerounian clothing and African art are used by permission from the collection of Philomene Etua
- Additional costumes from the collection of Charlotte Leonard
- The Camerounian Music used during the show is from the album *Baka Beyond- Spirit of the Forest*. The Baka tribe of Cameroun live in the southeastern forests. They are better known to the West as "pygmys."

YOUTH THEATRE GUILD

Starkville Community Theatre is proud to announce the debut of its new Youth Theatre Guild. All children from the age of five through 18 are welcome to join us on the first Saturdays of each month to learn about all aspects of community theatre! In addition to the Guild and its monthly meetings, SCT will continue to offer Project P.L.A.Y. each summer; and we will add a new, large-scale children's production - produced by SCT and starring the children in our community!

Each session will be different, and each session will be fun and entertaining. Sessions begin the first Saturday in September and will run from 9 a.m.—noon. Sign up today and receive half off the yearly \$10 'dues,' which includes your child's Guild membership and a t-shirt!

We will contact you via email with additional information before the September 1, meeting.

If you have questions, please contact SCT President Pattye Archer at parcher@library.msstate.edu.

YOUTH THEATRE GUILD



STARKVILLE COMMUNITY THEATRE

Presenting Starkville Community Theatre's 30th Anniversary Season



September 6-9
and 11-15, 2007



October 25-28 and October 30-November 3, 2007



February 21-24 and February 26-March 1, 2008

April 24-27 and
April 29-May 3, 2008



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