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## Oscar Winning Star In US For Movie Premier

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Bulawayo - Zimbabwe's Oscar winning star Prudence Mabhena, is in the United States of America (USA), to attend the premiere of the movie that won her the award. *(Pictured: The American audience will have a chance to meet with Oscar winning star, Prudence)*

The premiere of the movie 'Music By Prudence' took place in Baltimore in the US on Sunday and another one is scheduled to be viewed tomorrow. The movie is being premiered at the Maryland Festival which opened last Friday. Tapiwa Nyengera, the spokesperson for the band Liyana, where Prudence is the lead vocalist confirmed the trip.

The group Liyana, which was formed in 2005 and was noticed in 2006 when they won a national competition for budding musicians, the Music Crossroads in 2006 and since then they have never looked back. Baltimore audiences will get their first chance to see the Oscar-winning movie and will also meet a real-life heroine when Mabhena appears with "Music by Prudence" at the Maryland Film Festival.

Made partly with the financial and creative support of the Maryland Institute College of Art, the 33-minute film overcame a strong field of competitors to win best short documentary at the 2010 Academy Awards.

"Music by Prudence" salutes Mabhena, 21, as a sublime singer and a courageous woman. It follows her and seven other young musicians in Zimbabwe who transcend, through art and fellowship, the bigotry and isolation they experience throughout their country.

Mabhena will celebrate her victory at the place where the film received some crucial early support MICA's Brown Centre. Patrick Wright, the film's co-producer and associate editor, is the chair of MICA's video and film arts department. He lent his own equipment, and some of MICA's, to Williams for a critical period of early shooting.

Mabhena was born with arthrogyrosis, a debilitating condition that warps the body's joints. She was abandoned by both her parents but later found solace at King George VI School and Centre for Children with physical disabilities in Bulawayo, where she found her voice in music.

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