

# MOIPEI

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## MARY MAGGY MARTA

Mary, Maggy and Marta Moipei are from Nairobi, Kenya and currently reside in the U.S.

“Beautiful, Harmonious voices that brought me to tears ...  
their vocal blend is like I have never heard before ... WOW!”

Stephen Schwartz

(Academy, Golden Globe, Grammy, Tony Award – Composer/Lyricist)



Moipei made their New York City debut at the Mabel Mercer Gala at Jazz at Lincoln Center Rose Hall in October 2021. This was followed by their debut at Birdland Theater – the following week.

Stephen Moser – Broadworld.com ... review excerpts:

“The Nairobi imports conquered the New York City cabaret scene  
in less than a week. Five days.”

“The Moipei Triplets caused a sensation at the Mabel Mercer Foundation's annual Cabaret Convention and then took Birdland Theater by storm. This sister act has some of the most stunning harmonies and charming storytelling on the scene today, which is probably why everyone, upon seeing them, becomes immediately smitten by them.”

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“... these voices are rather like a great vintage bevvie, filled with character, uniqueness, texture, and totally intoxicating.”

“Each of the ladies is possessing of a voice that carries with it a rich, full-bodied, bold sound ...”

“.. they are beyond reproach - every word, every note, every harmony all have perfect placement and flawless execution.”

“... their enchantment, either as singers or as people ... will bewitch all who see and hear them ...”



Their musical journey began in Kenya Music Festival competitions with their sister Serafina. They were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place honors for four consecutive years.

Their success has enabled them to showcase their talents to national and international audiences, taking part in various cultural festivals and conventions in Tanzania, Uganda, Canada, Venezuela, China and the United States of America.

After a successful tour of South Korea, representing their country during the Young People’s Festival (YoPeFe), the sisters, at the age of 12, were appointed Kenya’s first ever UNICEF Child Ambassadors. Through their musical talents they championed girl child empowerment, education, and alternative rites of passage.

Their notability grew in the Kenyan musical scene and they were appointed as the Kenyan Musical Ambassadors to attend the Second African Cultural Festival in Caracas, Venezuela. They performed in various historic theatres and opera houses including the Teatro Municipal de Caracas to sold out audiences.

They were awarded the Head of State Commendation (HSC), by the President of Kenya, His Excellency Mwai Kibaki in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the Music Industry and the Nation.

Their album “In the Land of the Lion,” won the 2011 Best of Africa category, at the prestigious South Africa Broadcasting Corporation Awards (SABC) held in Durban, South Africa.

The sisters have performed sold-out concerts at the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts, presenting an eclectic mix of their own arrangements of Broadway tunes, jazz hits, sacred pieces and Kenyan folk songs.

In 2017, they were featured in their first professional opera, *Speed Dating Tonight* with the Alamo City Opera company. The composer Michael Ching wrote an original piece for the Triplets titled 'If not now when?'

Additional highlights include, singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" to thousands of NBA fans at a Spurs Playoff game; presenting a program for the President of Kenya in the iconic Rainbow Room at the Rockefeller Center; and performing with the San Antonio Symphony at their Holiday Pops concert singing an arrangement of 'Let it Snow,' specially commissioned for the trio.

The Triplets opened Amarillo Opera's 2019 "Black History Month" concert series receiving rave reviews for their performance. The trio performed a highly successful one-month tour of British Columbia, Canada.

Bachelor of Arts in Vocal Performance from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. Studied independently with Met Opera stars Mary Jane Johnson and Matthew Polenzani.

### **Award, Honors and Distinctions**

- Finalists, National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) competition, San Antonio, Texas 2016
- Recipients, full Music Scholarship Award, St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas 2014
- Winners, Best of Africa category for their album, 'In the Land of the Lion,' at the prestigious South Africa Broadcasting Corporation Awards (SABC), Durban, South Africa 2011
- Kenyan musical ambassadors at the Second African Cultural Festival, Caracas, Venezuela 2007
- Awarded Head of State Commendation (HSC), by His Excellency, President Mwai Kibaki, Nairobi, Kenya 2007
- Winners of the highly competitive Kenya Music Festival Competition in the Solo, Duet, and Trio Categories five consecutive years 2002 – 2007
- Young People's Festival (YoPeFe), Seoul, South Korea - Voted Best Performers on opening night. This performance led to their appointment as Kenya's first ever UNICEF Child Ambassadors 2006
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### **Past Performance Venues Include:**

- Kenya National Theatre, Nairobi, Kenya
- Kenya International Conference Center, Nairobi
- Waterfront Centre, Vancouver, BC
- Teatro Municipal de Caracas, Venezuela
- International Expo Center, Nanjing, China
- Durban International Conference Center, Durban, South Africa
- Fowler Arts Center, Arkansas State University
- Blanche Touhill Center for the Performing Arts, St. Louis, Missouri

- AT&T Center San Antonio
- Carlos Alvarez Theatre at the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts, San Antonio
- Carver Community Cultural Center, San Antonio
- H-E-B Performance Hall at the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts, San Antonio
- Rainbow Room, Rockefeller Center, New York
- Buena Vista Theatre at University of Texas San Antonio
- Lila Cockrell Theatre, San Antonio
- Tuesday Musical Club, San Antonio
- Amarillo Little Theatre, Amarillo Opera
- New Mexico tour with the Taos Opera Institute
  - Taos Art Museum at Fechin House
  - Fuller Lodge, Los Alamos
  - Loretto Chapel, Santa Fe
  - Taos Center for the Arts

**Past Festivals and Conventions Include:**

- Kenya Music Festivals (KMF), Nairobi, Kenya
- Young People's Festival (YoPeFe), Nami Island, South Korea
- World Urban Forum III, Vancouver, BC
- African Cultural Festival, Caracas, Venezuela
- World Urban Forum IV, Nanjing, China
- South African Broadcasting Corporation Gospel Awards, Durban, South Africa
- Riceland Distinguished Performance Series, Jonesboro, Arkansas
- Fiesta Oyster Bake, San Antonio