

FORWARD KWENDA

- *Chawapiwa* -

Available as Limited 12inch (100 ex.)



Label	Nyami Nyami Records	<p>TRACKLIST :</p> <p>A1- Chipindura A2- Tadzungaira B1- Ashes (DJ Oil remix)</p>
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Format	12inch (Ltd.)	
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PPU	25 euros	
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Distribution	The Pusher Dist.	

INFOS

Forward Kwenda was born in the [Buhera](#) area of [Manicaland](#), **Zimbabwe**. This area is known for its fierce resistance to colonial rulers and respect for [Shona](#) tradition. Forward Kwenda has always played **Mbira**, for the spirits, the ancestors, the land of Zimbabwe and the world around it. An undisputed master of this eminently spiritual instrument, he has developed a complex and unique melodic technique that has led him to perform and teach in the United States, Europe and Japan.

The EP ***Chawapiwa*** is the result of a collaboration with two of his students: Yann Dubois and Shiho Manabe.

The B-Side of this 12" is a remix and a loving tribute to Zimbabwe by **Dj Oil**, a french producer and dj, and a true veteran of the underground music and party scene in his native Marseille, Lionel Corsini, aka DJ Oil released his well-received solo debut as recently as 2012 (Black Notes for French label Discograph) but is probably better known as one part of The Troublemakers, who had the (probably unique?) distinction of being signed to both the legendary '90s house label Guidance and the most famous of all jazz labels, Blue Note.

The cover artwork is taken from **Georgina Maxim's** work: "Letters I wasn't supposed to read". Presented as textile sculptures like a diary made from second-hand clothes, the pieces bear the history and memory of the ghost corps that once wore them. Georgina Maxim lives and works in Zimbabwe where she founded the artistic collective, Village Unhu.

The visual adaptation and screen-printing was done by Vivien Le Jeune Durhin from PPP studio, Paris. This is a screenprinted limited edition release of 100 copies.

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