

## *Roland & The Roots Riddim*



A recent opening act for Bob Marley's band (The Wailers), Roland & The Roots Riddim is a dynamic roots rock reggae band. Their sound can be described as Bob Marley meets Stevie Wonder, Pink Floyd, and Santana in the cultural roots of West Africa. They are an established, professional, and accomplished band that's been writing and performing for over nine years. They are a team of talented, hard-working musicians, and singers who are all lovers of reggae music and enjoy sharing positive vibes with all people.

The band's high energy is influenced and directed by the lead-singer and frontman, Roland "Mista Muzic" Kemokai. Born in Liberia, West Africa, Roland was discarded on a dump-pile as a baby. He struggled through poverty, violent abuses, and the atrocities of the Liberian civil war - while utilizing remarkable gifts of strength, perseverance, and his music to survive.

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For a high energy show, Roland & The Roots Riddim's set list is a mixture of classic reggae covers and original compositions – mixing roots reggae, soul, rock, and traditional African influences to provide an amazing experience that's inspiring and entertaining.

## *Roland Kemokai*



Roland 'Mista Muzic' Kemokai is a Texas-based singer/songwriter, composer, pianist, published author [SUNUMA], guitarist, bassist, music

producer, and the energetic lead singer for Austin's premier roots reggae band, Roland & The Roots Riddim.

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As a result of his life experiences, Roland's music focuses on the belief in the power of forgiveness, community building, positive thinking, and the potential for greatness within us all. Roland's music is streaming on all platforms under his name, Roland Kemokai. Signed copies of his book, SUNUMA, are available on the website, [www.mistamuzic.com](http://www.mistamuzic.com) and unsigned copies are also available online and in stores.

His electrifying stage presence coupled with his inspiring message and sweet melodic voice allows him to naturally connect with his audiences. Whether playing mesmerizing piano or guitar instrumentals, doing a group sing-along, soft solo serenades or just rocking out on guitar and lead-vocals with the band, Roland makes the room vibrate with joy and high energy.

In addition to his several musical talents, Roland is an experienced mentor and empowerment speaker. He started his musical journey at an early age of six. While creating his own make-shift instruments and skillfully playing the log drum in his village, he became a lead entertainer for his entire village during the Liberian civil war.

After graduating as valedictorian of his class in Liberia, Roland moved to the USA, where he earned an Associate and Bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts Studies including radio broadcast, piano, and applied voice at Gardner-Webb University.

Drawing on his African and Liberian roots and his vast musical exposure in the USA including being a former award-winning, syndicated radio DJ, Roland has crafted a unique sound and musicianship that reflects an upbeat, introspective, and positive artistry.

With over two-decades of singing experience, Roland has accumulated a diverse range of influences including Al Green, Alpha Blondy, Bob Marley, Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson, Jimmy Cliff, Lucky Dube, Marvin Gaye, Luther Vandross, Ray Charles, Seal, Robert Schumann, Franz Liszt, Vivaldi, and many more.

For upcoming concerts, check out the events tab on the website: [www.mistamuzic.com](http://www.mistamuzic.com). You can contact Roland at info @ mistamuzic.com.