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HERO'S WELCOME FOR OSCAR WINNER

Prudence Mabhena, the star of *MUSIC BY PRUDENCE*, brought Zimbabwe to a standstill when she arrived from the United States on Monday afternoon.

Amid a huge crowd, that included the Vice President of the country, Mayor Patrick Thaba-Moyo of Bulawayo, and politicians from the rivaling MDC and Zanu-PF parties, welcomed Mabhena, giving Zimbabwe its first taste of Oscar glory

Singer and songwriter Prudence Mabhena is the star of *MUSIC BY PRUDENCE*, which received the Academy Award® for best documentary (short subject) on March 7. *MUSIC BY PRUDENCE* tells the inspiring story of a young band of disabled Zimbabweans and their lead singer, Prudence Mabhena. The film follows Prudence and her fellow musicians as they find social acceptance in a society where physical disabilities so far have been seen as a curse and the afflicted are often disowned by their families.

The Oscar win and immense recognition of Prudence Mabhena in Zimbabwe might very well change the face of how disabilities are treated, not just in Zimbabwe, but on the entire continent of Africa.

Once estranged from her family, Prudence was greeted at the airport by her father, who cried with remorse.

MUSIC BY PRUDENCE is directed and produced by Roger Ross Williams, who is the first African American director to win an Academy Award in his category of Documentary Shorts, and the first ever African American director to win an Academy Award for directing and producing a film, short or feature.

MUSIC BY PRUDENCE debuts May 12 on HBO2.

MUSIC BY PRUDENCE is directed and produced by Roger Ross Williams; producer, Elinor Burkett; director of photography, Derek Wieseahn; camera, Errol Webber Jr.; editor, Geeta Gandbhir; co-producer and associate editor, Patrick Wright; music produced by, Ted Mason. For HBO: supervising producer, Sara Bernstein; executive producer, Sheila Nevins.

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