## BRIEF PROFILE OF SAMUEL JONATHAN

In 2022, Samuel marked his 50th anniversary of playing African percussion instruments! Born into a musical Yorùbá family in London, he was handed an African cowbell, which is "Agogo" in Yorùbá, as a toddler. Since then, he has been skilfully playing a vast variety of African instruments in England, Ghana, Nigeria and the United States of America with various choirs, bands and on his own albums. Presently, Samuel is leading ReverbNation's music charts for Birmingham! In 2022, he established Birmingham's first-ever Over-50's Concert, where he introduced the Sèkèrè to the audience during one of the choir performances. In his signature audience-engaging fashion, Samuel gave a feet-moving hand-clapping rhythmic display of African beats as shown in this video Samuel Jonathan is the Founder and Lead Facilitator of the Strike-A-Chord Music-Making Project.

