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We, at the International Library of African Music (ILAM), wish to express our sadness at the passing of a great son of the African soil. There is no doubt that Nketia's contribution to the study of African music has been phenomenal, and that the legacy of his pioneering work in elevating the study of African music to its rightful place will continue to be amplified by current and future generations of music scholars, performers and composers. ILAM will continue to honour his memory through not only the study of African music, but also through its ongoing efforts at archiving the music of the continent through recall and performance. We wish his family, colleagues, and friends, a time of blessed reflection and a time of healing.

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