



Presents
KOURABA TORONTO
CENTRE FOR CULTURAL ADVANCEMENT
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DRUMMING LESSONS: Djembe & Dunduns Polyrhythms of the Mandingue



Featuring
World renowned Master
percussionist, Composer
and Artistic Director
AMARA KANTÉ



Polyrhythm [pol-ee-ri th-uh m]
noun, Music.

1. the simultaneous occurrence of sharply contrasting rhythms within a musical composition. – Collins English Dictionary, 2012. ^[1]

From the philosophical perspective of the African musician, cross-beats can symbolize the challenging moments or emotional stress we all encounter. Playing cross-beats while fully grounded in the main beats, prepares one for maintaining a life-purpose while dealing with life's challenges. Many sub-Saharan languages do not have a word for rhythm, or even music. From the African viewpoint, the rhythms represent the very fabric of life itself; they are an embodiment of the people, symbolizing interdependence in human relationships—Peñalosa (2009: 21). ^[2]

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- ✓ Who is this class for?
- ✓ What will be covered in class?
- ✓ When do classes begin & where?
- ✓ How much does it cost?

- 1** These classes are perfect for hobbyists and professionals alike:
- ▶ Beginner (No experience and/or still getting comfortable),
 - ▶ Intermediate (knows a few rhythms)
 - ▶ Advanced (Professional and/or teaches).

- 2 We will be covering:**
- ▶ The anatomy of Mandingue Polyrhythms.
 - ▶ Decoding the secret language of the drums
 - ▶ The melody within the rhythm for: Djembe, Dun-dunba, Sangban and Kensedeni
 - ▶ Sounds of the drum: How to choose a drum, drum-care tips & techniques.
 - ▶ Grow & Connect with your drum: How to get the most out of your instruments (physically and spiritually)
 - ▶ Plus much, much more!

- 3** September 8th – October 6th, 2015
- Tuesdays (Beginner) 6pm – 7:30pm
\$150 for 5 sessions or \$40 drop-in fee
- Thursdays (Int/Adv.) 6pm - 8pm
\$200 for 5 sessions or \$50 drop-in fee
- Where:** St. Luke's United Church, 353 Sherbourne St, Toronto, ON M5A 2S3

*Bring your own instruments if you have them. If not please let us know in advance and we will attempt to provide some for you.

***Drum rental fee is \$5.**

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Thank you!