



## **Year-round West African percussion & dance: Virtual performances & workshops “An Authentic African Musical Journey”**

### **Virtual dance workshop with live drumming:**

The virtual workshops have multiple components:

- A warm-up exercise in music to introduce students to the notion of percussive rhythms.
- The dance workshop being composed of progressive moves to lead all students to the goal of dancing a full choreography for a specific rhythm by the end of the typical 50 Minutes session.

Virtual dance workshops are led by one dancer and one drummer, intended for beginners, and customized according to each grade level.

Preferred school **audience: Grade 4 to grade 8** students / Also available for older students.

**Students need to be wearing comfortable clothes and sneakers**

The following is a list of some of the items we will need to discuss in order to organize a dance workshop in your school:

- Grade level audience, and number of students to be enrolled
- Number of back-to-back workshops / day and time

At the end of these workshops, all students will know a full dance choreography for a specific Mandingue West African rhythm which can be performed in front of an audience, if required. Students will be familiar with the relationship “music / dance” from West Africa.

**An internet access with GoogleMeet or Zoom on a projected screen is required**

### **Virtual “Storytelling & movement” workshop with live drumming:**

We present virtual “Storytelling & movement” workshops in full traditional outfits, including a presentation of the Mandingue musical instruments/rhythms and their place in Mandingue cultures. All participants will embark on a journey to Africa through this interactive movement choreography led by two live drummers.

All virtual workshops end with a student and teachers Q&A (A typical workshop is 30 minutes long).

- Preferred school **audience: JK to grade 3 students.**

**- Students need to be wearing comfortable clothes and sneakers**

The following is a list of some of the items we will need to discuss in order to organize a “storytelling & movement” workshop in your school:

- Grade level audience, and number of students to be enrolled
- Day and time

**An internet access with GoogleMeet or Zoom on a projected screen is required**

### **West African history through traditional musical instruments virtual presentations:**

Virtual presentations will be customized to your needs, and can include:

- A virtual projected presentation about the multiple instruments and their composition, manufacturing process, pictures, sound files, origins, and history. (A sample of some of the instruments will also be showed and a basic demonstration will be done on some of them)
- A projected virtual presentation about the Guinean percussion orchestra.
- Q&A

**Target audience: music students.**

**An internet access with GoogleMeet or Zoom on multiple computers or a projected screen is required**

### **Virtual drumming performances:**

We have virtual authentic West African percussion performances in full traditional outfits, **A multi-performers event**, including some audience participation, as well as a presentation of the Mandingue musical instruments/rhythms and their place in Mandingue cultures. All virtual performances end with a student Q&A (A typical performance is 40 minutes long).

**An internet access with GoogleMeet or Zoom on multiple computers or a projected screen is required**

- These events are organized by Alpha, who has successfully worked with many schools in Ontario since 2003.
- Alpha passed a course jointly proposed by the Ontario Arts council and York university: (Artistic education certificate - Artist working in the Ontarian schools)
- The company is a TDSB official partner (Approved vendor)
- Language: Alpha and most of his artists are fluent in both English and French

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