



## **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 intended for beginners and are customized according to each grade level.
- Preferred school audience: Grade1 to grade 5 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 (About 60 students maximum recommended per workshop)
- Number of back-to-back workshops / day and time (Weekly workshop series also available)

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**

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

The 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. (Target audience: music students)
- Q&A

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### **Virtual drumming performances:**

We have virtual authentic West African percussion performances in full traditional outfits, 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 30 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)
- Our Members passed 1<sup>st</sup> Aid course
- We have passed a Police vulnerable sector screening (VSS), which allows us to work in all the schools in Ontario.
- Language: Alpha and most of his artists are fluent in both English and French

*You are just one step away from a unique virtual event that will change your students forever! If you have an interest for One of these amazing educational activities, request a quotation using our online inquiry form below:*

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