

THE BANDAN KORO EXPERIENCE

DANCE PERFORMANCES

Bandan Koro's performances feature a high energy, dynamic, and interactive display of African Drumming, song, and dance choreography, while sharing history and cultural context. Along with observing music and dance choreography, the audience experiences brilliant attire, authentic instruments, and traditionally based dances that are presented by the ensemble.

During the presentation some participants may have an opportunity to learn beginner dance movements or have hands-on experience with a drum!

DANCE WORKSHOPS

Dance Workshop Participants of all levels learn traditional West African movement and song by first exploring dance history and cultural context. Participants then learn technique, execute movements across the dance floor, and culminate with a final choreographed sequence. They will learn movement vocabulary and steps to the live African Drumming from Bandan Koro African Drum and Dance Ensemble.

MUSIC PERFORMANCES

African Drummers from Bandan Koro demonstrate and perform a variety of traditional rhythms and songs, during this musical performance that features energetic traditional

selections, rhythmic breakdowns, melodic rhythms of varied tempo, and a variety of West African instruments.

African Drummers will also share information about the instrument history, cultural context of the music, how the instruments are constructed, how they are played, and their contribution towards unifying communities.

MUSIC WORKSHOPS

During the Bandan Koro music workshops, participants will learn about and play their own traditional West African Drum. Bandan Koro Drummers will demonstrate and perform a variety of traditional rhythms and songs while educating participants about the cultural context of the music presented. Participants will learn the fundamentals of West African drumming, including instrument history, construction, and technique, and will learn how to play a traditional rhythm.

SENIOR PROGRAMMING

Bandan Koro Senior workshops involve engaging cultural enrichment experiences that promote a healthy mind, body, and spirit. Dance workshops feature modified low impact movements that are accommodating to varying levels of mobility, including movements that may be performed from a chair. Drum workshops feature hands on experiences with authentic West African Drums, enabling a therapeutic release as participants unify under traditional rhythmic patterns that allow for self-expression and musical exploration.

Participants and audiences age 2 and up