



RESUME

MISSION STATEMENT

GIWAYENMATA's mission is to celebrate our lives as women and uplift our communities and our planet, while perpetuating the cultures of Afrika and the Afrikan Diaspora through the study, creation, teaching, and presentation of artistic media including dances, rhythms, songs, poetry, and prose around the world.

TRAINING

Assane Konte, Founder and Artistic Director of Kan Kouran West African Dance Company
Marie Basse Wiles, Founder and Artistic Director of Maimuna Keita African Dance Company
Abdel Salaam, Co-founder and Artistic Director of Forces of Nature
Ronald K. Brown, Founder and Artistic Director of EVIDENCE: A Dance Company
Mahiri Keita, Co-founder and Director of Farafina Kan
Djian Tie, Kwame Ross, Papa Abdulaiye Camara, Mouminatou Camara, Mohamed Diaby, Linda Faye Bayo, Kan Kouran West Afrikan Dance Conferences, Atlanta World Drum and Dance Summits

TEACHING

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| Alyo Afrikan Arts Center | Atlanta, GA |
| Nathifa Dance Company | Birmingham, AL |
| Metro Fitness Center | Atlanta, GA |
| Southwest Arts Center | Atlanta, GA |
| National Women's Music Festival | Muncie, IN |
| Michigan Women's Chorus | Ann Arbor, MI |
| Dance 411 Studios | Atlanta, GA |

CHOREOGRAPHY and MUSICAL ARRANGEMENTS

GIWAYENMATA celebrates an ensemble that is multi talented. In addition to pieces choreographed/musically arranged by members including Omelika Kuumba, Tambra Harris, Amamansa Whitten, Tyree Thornton, and Nicole El, the ensemble has been graced with the artistic guest works of the following people:

Assane Konte, Founder and Artistic Director of Kan Kouran West African Dance Company, Marie Basse Wiles, Founder and Artistic Director of Maimuna Keita African Dance Company, Abdel Salaam, Co-Founder and Artistic Director of Forces of Nature, Ronald K. Brown, Founder and Artistic Director of EVIDENCE: A Dance Company, Djian Tie, Mahiri Keita, Co-founder and Director of Farafina Kan, Kwame Ross, Artistic Director of Prophecy Dance Company, and the late Senegalese Master teacher, choreographer, and artist Papa Abdulaiye Camara, Founder and Director of several African dance companies in New Orleans, LA and Illinois.

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

"Best of Atlanta"- Local/International World Music Band
Best Performing Arts
Certificate of Appreciation
Certificate of Appreciation
Nguzo Saba
Certificate of Participation

Creative Loafing Newspaper
Winthrop University
Tubman African American Museum
Georgia State University
Metro Atlanta Kwanzaa Association
Southwest Fulton Arts Center



*Salute to Black Mothers
Certificate of Appreciation*

Proclamations

Phoenix Award

Self Determination

NSAA Cultural and Educational Excellence Award

Kuumba Award

Concerned Black Clergy

Governor's Office of GA Human
Relations

Atlanta City Council

City of Atlanta

Malcolm X Grassroots Movement

First Afrikan Church

East Point/College Park Chapter Delta

Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

MEDIA COVERAGE

Commercial and Cable Television Appearances

Atlanta, GA

11 Alive News Can-a-thon Segment

African Treasures

CNN Headline News

Good Day Atlanta on Channel 5

Mindbusters

Opening and Closing Ceremonies Centennial

Olympic Games

Perspectives in Poetry

It's About Time!

Reality

A Woman's Place

Decatur, GA

Insight

Brooklyn, NY

FOX 5 News

NBC Television America's Got Talent Season Three

Magazines and Newspapers

Atlanta, GA

Arrived Magazine

Atlanta Daily World

Atlanta Inquirer

Atlanta Journal & Constitution

Atlanta Magazine

Atlanta Voice

AUC Digest

City Beat

Creative Loafing

Inside Spelman

Southern Voice

Spelman Messenger

Zoo Magazine

Fayetteville, GA

The Citizen

Macon, GA

Georgia Monitor

The Telegraph

Norcross, GA

Film

"Herstory" Directed by Nzinga Kemp

Radio

Atlanta, GA

WRFG 89.3 FM

WCLK 91.9 FM

WVEE 103 FM

Baltimore, MD

WEAA 88.9 FM

Recording

Calling All Women – An-Nur Creations

Speak Sistah Speak! – **GIWAYEN**

MATA

Video

Southbound: A Cross-Cultural Video
Production, for Tokyo, Japan

Online Television

www.SupremeMasterTV.com

Aquarius Magazine
Peach County, GA
The Leader Tribune
Muncie, IN
Frost Illustrated
Journal Gazette
Baltimore, MD
Baltimore Sun
Brooklyn, NY
Amsterdam News
Dallas, TX
Dallas Morning News
Jackson, Mississippi
Jackson FREE PRESS

PERFORMANCES

Ann Arbor, MI-Michigan Women's Chorus

Asheville, NC-University of N.C.

Atlanta, GA- African American Women on Tour, Alliance Theater, APEX Museum, Arts Festival Atlanta, Auburn Avenue Research Library, Callenwolde Fine Arts Center, Clark Atlanta University, Dikembe Mutombo Foundation, Inc., Emory University, Fa Nyere Fa Concerts, First Night Atlanta, FUNK JAZZ Café, Fusion, 14th Street Playhouse, Spelman College, Georgia International Convention Center, Georgia Public School System, Georgia Private Schools, Georgia State University, Georgia Technical Institute, Georgia World Congress Center, Greenbriar Mall, Hammonds House, International Theological Center, Jimmy Carter Center, Martin Luther King Historic Center, Morehouse College, Morris Brown College, Music Midtown, National Black Arts Festival, Rialto Center for the Arts, Variety Playhouse, Wheelbarrow Theater, Whole Life Expo, Woodruff Arts Center, Zoo Atlanta

Baltimore, MD- Goucher College, Morgan State University

Birmingham, AL- Birmingham Heritage Festival, Birmingham Zoo

Blacksburg, VA- Virginia Polytechnic and State University

Brooklyn, NY-CSD 17, Skylight Gallery in Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Center, Brooklyn Academy of Music for DanceAfrica, Bethany Baptist Church

Chattanooga, TN-Chattanooga State College

Chicago, IL- Du Sable Museum and Harris Theatre for DanceAfrica

Clayton, GA-Clayton State College

Clemson, SC-Clemson University

Dallas, TX- Majestic Theater for DanceAfrica

Decatur, GA- Georgia Perimeter College

Fort Valley, GA-Fort Valley State University

Houston, TX- Kuumba Theatre Concert

Huntsville, TX-Sam Houston University

Jackson, Mississippi- Thalia Mara Hall

Lubbock, TX-Texas Tech University

Macon, GA- Georgia College and State University, Tubman African American Museum, Douglass Theater

Muncie, IN-National Women's Music Festival

Rockhill, SC-Winthrop University

Towns County, GA-Towns County Middle School

Tuskegee, AL-Tuskegee University

Wyandanch, NY-Milton L. Olive Middle School

York City, SC-Museum of York County

REFERENCES Available upon request