

WURA SAMBA MASTERCLASS WORKSHOP SERIES 2026

The **WURA SAMBA** Masterclass Workshop is a series of music workshops designed for musicians and music students to develop the percussion playing techniques and musical understanding needed to fully immerse themselves in Afrobeat, Afropunk, Highlife, Juju and other indigenous Nigerian and West African music forms. The workshop series will be led by WURA SAMBA from Lagos, Nigeria. Classes will accommodate a wide range of musical skills and abilities, supporting individual learning while also presenting a variety of challenges to stimulate the creativity of both individuals and groups. The workshops will offer a broad range of West African percussion styles and instruments.

WORKSHOP CLASSES

Percussion Classes (Talking Drums, Congas & Sambambe Drums)

Participants will be introduced to various forms and rhythms of Yoruba drumming, ranging from traditional Yoruba rhythms to Juju and Fuji music. Using talking drums, congas and Sambambe drums, participants will be divided into groups to explore and work together on beats, time signatures, phrasing, structural motifs, timbre, repetition, contrast, dynamics, texture and harmony.

ABOUT THE MUSICIAN

Abiodun Oke, better known as “**Wura Samba**,” is a master percussionist who combines contemporary African music with traditional and modernized percussion instruments. He is the inventor of the Sambambe drum, an eight-piece traditional wooden percussion instrument primarily influenced by the Yoruba culture of West Africa. With more than 20 years of professional experience in the Nigerian music industry, Wura Samba has performed at major concerts, festivals and events throughout Africa, Europe and the Middle East. His collaborations with renowned Nigerian and international artists such as Nneka, Dede Mabiaku, Tony Allen and Kenia Jones demonstrate his versatility and international artistic reach. Whether on stage or in the studio, Wura Samba embodies the essence of African musical traditions and can be regarded as an ambassador for these traditions.

MUSICIANS / TEAM

The workshop team consists of 1 musician and 1 road manager:

- **Wura Samba:** Percussion
- **Abiodun Odukoya:** Road Manager / Coordination

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