

Drum Workshop – WURA SAMBA

Learn how to play the Two-Piece Sambabe Drum that you have manufactured yourself!

This special offer is for everyone who is interested in African drumming. People of any age can master the Sambabe drum, which has been reinvented by the famous Nigerian percussionist Wura Samba. In this 3- to 5-day workshop, you will even manufacture your own Two-Piece Sambabe drum, which looks like square bongo drums, and enjoy its typical African tones.

Sequence of the Workshop

Day One:

You will receive all the materials needed for the drum. With the assistance of Wura Samba and his instrument builder, Manfred Gernert, you will measure, drill, sand and assemble the drum. Finally, you can paint or flame the drum in your own style, so it will become your own individual treasure.

Day Two – First Part:

You will finish your drum. The total time required to manufacture a Two-Piece Sambabe drum is 5 to 8 working hours, depending on your handcraft skills. But don't worry: so far, everyone has been able to build the drum with the help of these two teachers.

Day Two – Second Part:

Wura Samba will introduce the Sambabe drum and talk about its history and present-day use.

Day Three to Five:

Wura Samba will teach you some basic traditional spiritual Yoruba rhythms with different timings. Wura Samba will continue talking about the history and usefulness of traditional Yoruba drumming. In addition to the drumming workshop, Wura Samba will introduce different Nigerian music related to the drumming with the help of video and/or audio presentations.

Last Day of the Workshop:

Wura Samba will perform a concert for the participants, who will also be invited to play one or more songs with him. The organizers of the workshop are free to invite more people to attend the concert.

Information:

The drum workshop is suitable for up to 15 participants, from 12 to 99 years of age.

Requirements for the Drum-Making Workshop:

Wura Samba and Manfred Gernert will provide the required materials (wood, drum skin, screws, glue, etc.) for every participant. The material cost for one drum is €30. They will also bring the necessary tools, such as a drilling machine with different drill sizes, sandpaper, a stapler and a gas burner for flaming. A working table of approximately 1 metre in length is required for each participant. The organizers of the drum workshop should take the wood dust into consideration. Therefore, it is recommended to hold the workshop outdoors or in a suitable working space.

Requirements for the Drumming Workshop:

The organizers have to provide one chair for each participant. The teachers prefer to conduct the workshop outdoors in a cosy and comfortable location.

Requirements for the Concert:

The organizers have to provide a reasonable PA system with a 4-channel mixer, 3 microphones, including microphone stands and cables.

Costs:

The cost of a three-day Sambabe drum workshop is €800.

The cost of a five-day drum workshop is €1200.

In addition, every participant has to pay €30 for the materials for their drum.

Accommodation, food and transportation costs for the two teachers will be provided by the organizers of the workshop.

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