



AKWAABA ENSEMBLE

Traditional African Drum and Dance Ensemble

The Akwaaba Ensemble brings West African drumming and dance to vivid life, holding sway with the rich and subtle rhythmic patterns and styles specific to different tribal groups of West Africa. The ensemble is led by master percussionist and teacher Theophilus Nii Martey, who began studying traditional African music during his childhood in Ghana.

Testimonials

"We decided our students would love the drumming and dancing, and we got them (Akwaaba Ensemble) here, and they've been fantastic."

Joanne Willemsen,
Music Teacher

"Theo and the Akwaaba Ensemble gave a performance that warmed up the audience despite a blinding snowstorm in Bethel! Akwaaba gives the audience a unique look into the world of music and dance of Ghana that is both enlightening and energetic"

Linda Gamble, Mahosuc Arts Council, Bethel ME

In the Schools

The Akwaaba Ensemble is able to bring these educational activities to your school:

Workshops: Working in a classroom with up to 25 students, we will provide the drums for a teaching workshop. Our highly skilled and trained teachers ensure that we will meet your specific needs and provide an educational and culturally unique experience.

Residencies: The Akwaaba Ensemble will come to you and take your students and staff through African

"Everyone's been able to participate in some way. "The kids are loving it. They're really tuned in and they love to see these guys walking around the school," she continued. "These guys are energetic, enthusiastic. They're really knowledgeable about what they are doing, and they seem to really enjoy working with kids."

Ryan O'Connor, Bow Times newspaper

Dance and Drumming workshops for a week or more. The workshops will lead to a final performance for at the school or a public presentation.

Special Programs: The Akwaaba Ensemble has worked with students with physical and/ or learning disabilities and can develop a special program in your school.

Performances: A group of up to six performers can come to your school and provide a vibrant and engaging drumming and dancing performance for your students.



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