



SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

**SINGLE SESSIONS
WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS
PROGRAMMES
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Australia Wide

STUDENT WORKSHOPS

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Our School workshops are a positive, energetic, and creative musical experience. We bring along drums and shakers for everyone, and can deliver any type of workshop: single sessions, 4 week to full term Programmes, whole school events, staff team builders, fetes and more, to any age group.

WHAT WE OFFER IN OUR SESSIONS

A memorable journey of West African musical culture that lets students share in a creative learning experience. We usually deliver a mix of drumming, dancing and singing, but we're always adaptable and can tailor our session to your request.

A CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

We have a deep respect for the context of West African music; if you separate the music from the culture you lose something intrinsic – not just a chance for cultural enrichment, but the real heart of this music. We aim to pass on the cultural ethos underpinning the music and unpack the ways in which drumming becomes a pathway to cultural awareness.

Our facilitators come dressed in traditional clothing, excited to share stories that bring West African culture to life.

SINGLE SESSIONS

Our single session workshops offer drumming, dancing and singing as standard, though we can easily adapt to suit your wishes. All of our facilitators are experienced and unique performers, each with their own story and style.

Usually, we kick off with a short performance and introduce ourselves, getting everyone excited about the music. We move into the fun quickly with drumming, teaching African rhythms, musical games, and a great jam. We'll get them grooving too, with some tribal dancing and singing included along the way. We dedicate the end of the session to question time, where students can ask the facilitator about their background, culture, music, and about Africa.

PROGRAMMES

You can maximise the potential learning outcomes by integrating a 4 week to full term Programme into your curriculum. Our Programmes are suitable for all ages and abilities. Focusing on an African performance piece, we develop the ensemble, practicing technique and dexterity, adding song, and building towards a memorable high-energy student concert!

Under the guidance of an experienced teacher, Programmes offer students the chance to learn an instrument, be a part of a team in a meaningful and active way, and does wonders for their self esteem and confidence. Showcasing their piece at a school concert at the end of the Programme provides an important sense of visibility and accomplishment and lets them share what they have learnt with their parents and teachers.

PROGRAMME AIMS

- Introduce basic musical concepts
- Connect students through inclusive community music
- Learn African drumming, singing & dancing techniques
- Produce a performance piece



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ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE & WORKSHOP OPTIONS

- Lunch time assembly extravaganza
- African melodics with strings and percussion
- Body percussion
- African dance (with or without drumming)
- Drum making workshops

DRUM MAKING WORKSHOPS

Tactile, inspiring and rewarding – our drum making workshops are an interactive and immersive experience for children of all ages. They will be fully engaged in a fun, hands on process that highlights the cultural background of these wonderful authentic instruments. Our sessions can be tailored to run across a part/ full day or longer and children will end up with their own hand made drum!



WELLNESS & BENEFITS

- Encourages listening skills and interaction
- Team work skills including confidence and trust
- Promotes multicultural awareness
- Stimulates physical and neurological coordination
- Encourages improvisation, concentration & creativity
- Powerful healing and stress relief
- Sense of belonging and community
- Immediate sense of achievement

FAQS

IS THERE A MINIMUM OR MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE?

We cater for groups of all sizes, everything from single classrooms to whole school events. A minimum call out fee applies. We can always make it work.

WHAT AGES ARE THE SESSIONS APPROPRIATE FOR?

All ages! We design our sessions to suit any group's dynamic.

LAST MINUTE BOOKINGS?

Yes! We are available on short notice and will do our very best to make it happen.

DO YOU RUN OTHER KINDS OF SESSIONS?

We sure do: parties, all abilities and council events - we do them all. See our website for more, or give us a call if you're curious!

STAFF WORKSHOPS



TEAM BUILDING

African Drumming will unite your staff and have them drumming together in harmony in 5 minutes flat. The ensemble nature of African Drumming is synergy in action; a live metaphor for the principles of teamwork, leadership and communication needed for groups to meet their potential.

WHAT WE OFFER IN OUR SESSIONS

We'll shake the rust off of team dynamics, get people connected and leave them feeling empowered and uplifted. We focus on developing rapport, communication, and harmony while having a great time. We usually deliver a mix of drumming, dancing and singing but we're always adaptable and can change it up to suit your wishes. Our sessions are also a great way to get your team thinking in new ways about cultural diversity.

TEACHER TRAINING

Learn to teach African Drumming. Our Course gives you the road-ready skills and resources you need to run successful drumming sessions. Running Australia wide, and we can also come to you On-Demand to deliver a tailored session.

LEVEL 1: An introduction to the world of West African music and how to practically teach it.

LEVEL 2: Building on the fundamentals delivered in Level 1, we delve deeper into the music and work on strengthening your musicianship and leadership skills.

LEVEL 3: Advanced skills and techniques for effective and rewarding sessions and programmes.

ON DEMAND: Have us come to you and deliver the Course - whether it's in person or via Skype. See our website or ask us for a Course Overview for full information.

SCHOOL INSTRUMENTS

We offer special rates on our instruments to education providers. Below are a sample of what we offer; please ask for a copy of our Schools Catalogue. Prices exclude GST.



Ankle Shaker \$8.50



Agogo Bells S: \$17.50
M: \$26.00
L: \$31.00



Instructional Pack \$65.00



40cm Drum \$55.00
For ages 4-10



50cm Drum \$96.00
For ages 10+



60cm Drum \$148.00
For ages 14+



Classroom Package Deals \$610.00 - \$2530.00

ABOUT US

We offer special West African musical experiences. With over 15 years in the industry, we can offer a peace of mind and level of service that puts us ahead of the pack. There's more to us than just great events: we make and sell our own drums and instruments, run classes, workshops, retreats and study tours to Bali and Africa, and we train people to facilitate drumming classes through our Teacher Training Course. We host a nationwide network of drummers and dancers and operate Australia wide. Our team includes performers from West Africa (including Mali, Senegal and Ghana) and homegrown talent too.

REGIONAL TOURS

We take our workshops across Victoria and NSW on annual regional tours, providing schools the opportunity to enjoy our sessions without worrying about travel costs. We're always looking to expand to additional states - contact us for information on dates and locations, or if you'd like us to add your area to our tour schedule.

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(03) 9525 3073

ON THE DAY

OUR ARRIVAL

Your facilitator will arrive in African clothing approximately 15-25 minutes before the session start time to set up.

WHAT WE BRING

We bring along drums, shakers and African grooves.

SEATING AND SET UP

A semicircle is best, but we can easily adapt to the venue. Please have chairs ready for the students.

CONTENT

We usually provide drum, dance, song and cultural story telling, but we're always happy to adjust the session to your wishes.



EVENT FEEDBACK

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I can only describe the facilitators as amazing. They are so incredibly talented. The girls loved their workshops. **The final assembly was perfect as they led the whole school drumming and dancing.** I can't believe how much energy the pair have, 8 sessions and a performance: **Unbelievable.** My thanks for their professionalism, punctuality and brilliant leadership. I will happily recommend them to colleagues in other schools.

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The drumming workshops have been a resounding success. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about African culture. They also connected to a local family who had lived in Africa. **Today the workshops culminated in a high energy performance for the parents, it went beyond all our expectations.** I would highly recommend it to anyone.

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From the first time the facilitator met our students, they were mesmerised by his presence and talent. He engaged with them immediately - and they responded with enthusiasm. There was not a minute when any of them were bored or restless which is a feat in itself! **The concert performance was electrifying.**

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The drumming session was fantastic. **The students had an absolute ball, not to mention the teachers!** Shabba was fantastic, got their attention straight away and kept them focused.

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We all had the most amazing time! We would love to have you return in the future as it was a fabulous experience for the students.

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It was absolutely fabulous!!! We have had many, many comments from staff and parents about the dancing and how **they performed with such joy.**

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Fantastic! The children had a wonderful time and **they are still talking about it!** Thanks again for such a wonderful incursion.



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