

Party into St Andrews Day with an Afro-Celt ceilidh!



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Ndaje: African Connections is a dynamic mix of jumpin' live bands that will go straight to your feet, great DJs, dancers, drummers, special guests and Sene-Gambian food. Afrobeats, Funk, Ska, Celtic, Salsa, Reggae, Roots, Sene-Gambian, Mbalax, Latin, Jazz, Folk... and much more! Ndaje is a Scottish African party - the melting pot where African culture meets the world.

Live musicians will include **Samba Sene & Diwan Big Band**, a rocking 8 piece band playing mbalax fusion – a joyous mix of jazzy grooves and Afrobeats from Senegal, with infectious guitar licks, sassy horns and irresistible dance beats.

They will be joined by Edinburgh favourites **Cantara** for a full-on upbeat set of **Celtic rock**, with an eclectic mix of bagpipes, fiery fiddles, Spanish guitar, electric bass, vocals, whistle, box, drums and percussion. Winners of the **Danny Kyle Award** in 2003, they are regulars at Celtic Connections and other festivals, drawing inspiration from a wide range of world cultures. The lineup is Martin Struthers, Louise Millington, Hazel Morrison, Beth Morrison, Andy McKean.

There will be a selection of Edinburgh's finest **DJs** spinning the decks with Sene-Gambian grooves from **Modou Thiam** and **Jafar**, reggae & roots from Messenger regular **Jeremiyah** in the chillout zone upstairs, finishing with a salsa set in the main space, from **James Combe**.

Ndaje is organized by Edinburgh based Senegalese musician Samba Sene and Scary Biscuits Promotions. As well as creating a brilliant night out their aim is to showcase live musicians who are interested not just in their own performance but in connecting with other musicians and artists. Ndaje is also a platform for African/world initiatives like **Mzuri Women** – a Ugandan women's collective. Mzuri will be selling their colourful, handcrafted paper-bead jewellery – with prices from £4 for a bracelet this is a great opportunity for some painless Christmas shopping!

Samba Sene: "*Ndaje is world music from an African perspective, through a Scottish filter! Often there are guest musicians sitting in just because they want to be part of it. It's exciting! Through music we are all one family.*"

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Hi res photos for press use downloadable at www.scarybiscuits.com
www.myspace.com/ndaje www.cantara.co.uk

Editors' Notes:

Ndaje: Wolof, noun; pron n-da-jay (no vowel sound on the n) – *gathering*

Sene is pronounced *Senn*

Diwan : Wolof, noun – the whole world

Ndaje: African Connections

The Bongo Club, Holyrood Rd, Edinburgh

Thur 29th Nov, 9.30pm – 2.30am

£5 in advance (from Tickets Scotland, Ripping, Bongo Club); £7 / £5conc on the door

Coming Next – The Festive Ndaje – Thurs 27th Dec (10pm – 3am) –lineup tba

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