



AfriFest

**A celebration of African cultures – live music, dance, art, films, workshop, food, DJs – FREE
Sat 22 & Sun 23 Oct at Summerhall, Edinburgh**

AfriFest is a vibrant celebration of African arts and cultures, with live music, dance, art, films, workshops, DJs and food, taking place at Summerhall, Edinburgh on 22 & 23 Oct. Set up to mark the unique input black performers have made to the artistic and cultural landscape of Scotland. All events are free and designed to appeal to a wide range of age groups and tastes.

This two day festival will showcase visual and performing arts, as well as the culture of people of African descent, supporting artistic expression and the pursuit of excellence and innovation.

The live programme includes award winning Senegalese master kora player **Seckou Keita**, whose last two albums hit No.1 in the European world music charts. Clychau Dibon, the fruit of his collaboration with welsh harpist Catrin Finch, won fRoots Critics Poll Album of The Year 2013, Songlines Magazine Best Cross Cultural Collaboration 2014, and two BBC Radio 2 Folk Award nominations.

Other performers include some of the best Scottish based writers, singers, musicians and dancers from Botswana, Liberia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe – **Samba Sene & Diwan**, original Bhundu Boy **Rise Kagona and the Jit Jive Band** and **Makossa**, dance group **Sankofa Beats** (presenting a range of dance steps from north, south and west Africa) - plus storytellers, poets and workshop leaders including **Bruno Ashley** of Mema Arts Zimbabwe, **Mara Menzies** and **The Cowfoot Prince** (London). There will be a film programme curated by Africa in Motion and top DJs to end each night with an exhilarating dance club.

AfriFest will also provide a platform for artists to share their talents and their various experiences, foster mentoring and networking and provide exposure for young and talented artists. Audiences can try their hand at African drumming and dance led by experienced teachers including Mockolo Sawane (Casamance) and Dougie Hudson (Drumergy).

AfriFest aims to be a potent symbol of how people from different backgrounds and cultures can come together in common purpose, united. Artists participating in the festival will be drawn from Diasporas from Senegal, Malawi, Nigeria, Ghana, Sudan, Gambia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Somalia, Eritrean, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Guadeloupe, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, St Vincent, Barbados and Black Scottish Community. Their artistic works include visual arts, many genres of music including drumming, jazz, hip-hop, gospel, spoken-word.

Food will be provided by Knight's Kitchen, Khartoum Café, African Flavour, 10 To 10 In Delhi and Culture Lounge. It is also free, offering a chance to sample a rich variety of tastes from around the African continent.

AfriFest is organised and curated by Africa Together - Artistic Director and musician Samba Sene (Senegal) and Producer Wezi Mhura (Malawi) whose CV includes La Banda Europa, Struileag (Children of the Smoke) and Iron Oxide.

AfriFest is supported by Big Lottery Fund and Creative Scotland.

For more press information, interviews, hi res photos, CDs, MP3s, press tickets etc, please call **Morag Neil** on **0771 288 0965** (email info@scarybiscuits.com)

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While all events are free, it is anticipated that many will be in high demand and advance booking is highly recommended – <http://afrifest16.eventbrite.co.uk>

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Saturday 22nd October

Summerhall Edinburgh

TIME	Main Hall	Red Screening Room	Cafe
10:30 – 11:00	Dance Performance - Sankofa Beats	Film screening - Zafara <i>(Africa in Motion) 1hr 30mins</i>	
11:00 – 12:00	Music & Rhythm Workshop - DRUMERGY's		
13:00 – 14:00	Taste of Africa Lunch– Eat, mix and mingle on a culinary voyage through North, East and West Africa		
14:00 – 15:00	Storytelling - The Cowfoot Chronicles	Film screening - Incorruptible <i>(Africa in Motion) 2 hrs</i>	Singing Performance - Cynthia Gentle
15:00 – 16:00	DJ Workshop		Poetry Reading & Workshop - Kokumo Fadeke Rocks
16:00 – 17:00	Singing Workshop - Mema Arts / Bruno Ashley	Meeting the Artists - Seckou Keita & Samba Sene	Life Choir



Music



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Evening programme includes award winning Senegalese master kora player Seckou Keita, whose last two albums hit No.1 in European world music charts & amazing Scottish based musicians and dancers from Botswana, Liberia, Ghana, Senegal, South Africa & Zimbabwe

20:00 – 20:30	Benny Tetteh-Lartey
20:45 – 21:30	Seckou Keita
21:45 – 22:15	Zuba
22:30 – 23:15	Samba Sene & Diwan
23:15 – 01:00	DJ – Muchie

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Sunday 23rd October

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TIME	Main Hall	Red Screening Room	
11:00 – 12:00	Dance Workshop - Awa Goudiaby	Film - Twaaga : French with English subtitles (Africa in Motion) 30mins	Storytelling - Mara Menzies Storyteller
12:00 – 13:00	Craft Workshop – Kainessie Arts	Film - Mwansa the Great (Africa in Motion) 30mins	
13:00 – 14:00	Taste of Africa Lunch – Eat, mix and mingle on a culinary voyage through North, East and West Africa		
14:00 – 15:00	Storytelling - The Cowfoot Chronicles	Film screening - Four Corners (Africa in Motion) 2hours	Book Reading - Lombe Kenani
15:00 – 16:00	DJ Workshop		Poetry session - Tawona Sithole
16:00 – 17:00	Drumming Workshop - Mokolo Sawane	Meeting the Artists Meet professional writers & poets	Zawadi Womens Choir



Café

Evening programme has an amazing line-up of Scottish based musicians and dancers from Cameroon, South Africa & Zimbabwe

20:00 – 20:30	Morgan Njobo
20:45 – 21:30	Ramsis & Wizard Zulu
21:45 – 22:15	Rise Kagona and the Jit Jive Band
22:30 – 23:15	Makossa
23:15 – 01:00	DJ – Fabulouz

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