

**Program Types** Workshops, classes, performances, residencies, and folk & traditional arts.

Language Proficiencies English Spanish (semi proficient)

Fees Contact to inquire

Availability Contact to inquire

Audiences K – 12, young adult, adult.

Venues Schools, colleges, festivals, and community centers

**Technical requirements** Contact to inquire

Counties Clark



## Nondi Wontanara Multi-Cultural Performing Arts Company Dance: African



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Nondi Wontanara Multi-Cultural Performing Arts Company is a performing arts group that was started in Las Vegas in March of 2015. Nondi Wontanara is a phrase from the Susu language spoken in Guinea West Africa and means, "We are united in truth." The members of the group have been a part of the grassroots Las Vegas dance community for a combined total of 20 years, and have trained with master instructors from Guinea, Senegal, Mali, Ghana, and the Ivory Coast. These dance and drum enthusiasts came together to share with the world the beauty of traditional African cultures by singing, dancing, and drumming traditional rhythms from countries throughout the western region of Africa. The group captures the full spirit of African traditions through lively dance and drum performances, workshops, and weekly dance class that always get participants on their feet and moving to the rhythms of the African beats. Nondi Wontanara is actively involved in a variety of community events such as school performances, weddings, family reunions, multi-cultural festivals, fundraisers, and performances at various Las Vegas strip hotels. Nondi Wontanara aims to build understanding between the various cultures of the world and Africa. This idea is the central theme of the group's mission: to educate and uplift the communities of the world by exploring our commonalities through dance and music, and to bring pride and respect to the beautiful and diverse African traditions practiced around the world.

## **School & Community Programming**

Nondi Wontanara Multi-Cultural Performing Arts Company was founded on the drum and dance traditions of West Africa. The group provides an inclusive, purposeful, interactive and engaging experience, intended to stimulate individuals to expand their cultural awareness. Company members arrive dressed in traditional clothing and are always keen to introduce adults and children to West African culture. Nondi Wontanara's members have a wide and diverse range of skills and talents so that any workshop or performance can be tailored to fit the needs of the event or venue. Children and adults alike love listening and having the opportunity to dance to the rhythms of the drums.

**Dance Workshops**: Dance workshops are provided for groups/organizations that wish to learn African dance. African moves and choreography are taught to participants. Workshops end with a dance circle in which each individual is given a chance to come to the middle of the circle and perform a few solo steps.

**Community Dance Classes**: for children and adults, ages 6 and up. Each week participants receive explicit instruction on executing the movements of a particular dance as well as learning about the dance's meaning and country of origin.