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Join Dance Place and Griot Mama Sylvia Soumah for a week of dance, music, and tradition during our 36th annual DanceAfrica DC festival

[WHAT: DanceAfrica DC 2023](#)

WHEN: Thursday, May 30, 2023 – Sunday, June 4, 2023

WHERE: Cafritz Foundation Theater at Dance Place, Marist Hall Lawn at Catholic University of America (Sat), Edgewood Arts Center (Sun)

[DanceAfrica DC Fête is an Indoor Ticketed Event in the Cafritz Foundation Theater at Dance Place: T-Shirt and Champagne Toast & Dessert – \\$75, General Admission \(includes Champagne Toast & Dessert\) – \\$25](#)

Festival events on Saturday & Sunday are FREE and open to the public

Master Classes will be held throughout the week. Registration required.

June, 2023 (Washington, D.C.) -- Dance Place hosts the 36th annual DanceAfrica DC festival! Festival goers will celebrate the spirit of the African Diaspora with master classes, oral histories, and performances from beloved West African dance companies from the DC Metro community. The festival will begin with master classes alongside three days of performances, candle bearing, elder acknowledgements, and an outdoor gathering.

Hosted by Griot Mama Sylvia Soumah, DanceAfrica DC 2023 is guaranteed to inspire, invigorate, educate, and entertain. Participants will enjoy a week of dance, music, and tradition. Learn more and stay updated on this year's festival at danceplace.org/dadc2023.

[Master Class Schedule](#)

Tuesday, May 30th

Host: KanKouran, Teacher: Baba Assane/Ali

Cafritz Foundation Theater at Dance Place | 6:45-8:00pm

Thursday, June 1st

Host & Teacher: Amaniyea Payne

Edgewood Arts Center | 6:45-8:00pm

Saturday, June 3rd

Host: Akoma de Gado, Teacher: Babadunjo “Baba D”

Cafritz Foundation Theater at Dance Place | 10:00-11:15am

Host: Malcolm X Drummers & Dancers, Intergenerational FREE Class, Teacher: Doc Powell

Marist Lawn at CUA | 10:00-10:45am

Performance Schedule

DanceAfrica DC Fête

Friday, June 2 at 7:30pm | Cafritz Foundation Theater at Dance Place | Indoor Ticketed Event

The Pouring of Libations with Mama Makini Niliwaambieni

Memorial/Candle Bearers Directed by Donna Kearney

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Coyaba Youth Ensemble

Dimensions Dance Tap Ensemble

Kankouran West African Dance Company

Coyaba Dance Theater

DanceAfrica DC Village Celebration

Saturday, June 3rd | 10am — 7:30pm | Marist Hall Lawn | Catholic University | FREE Outdoor Event

10:00 – 10:45am	Malcom X Dancers & Drummers
11:00 – 11:30am	Taratibu
11:30 – noon	Soul in Motion
1:30 – 2:00pm	Akoma DeGado
2:00 – 2:30pm	Ni Dembaya
2:45 – 3:45pm	Coyaba Village Celebration
4:00 – 4:45pm	Ezibu Muntu
5:00 – 5:45pm	Soka Tribe
6:00 – 7:30pm	Dogo du Togo

DanceAfrica DC Closing Celebration

Sunday, June 4th | 1pm — 6pm | Edgewood Arts Center | FREE Indoor Event

1:00 – 1:15pm	Welcome with Griot Mama Sylvia Soumah
1:15 – 2:00pm	Social Hour
2:00 – 2:20pm	Belly Dancers of Color Collective
2:30 – 2:50pm	DC Casineros
3:00 – 3:20pm	Osagyefo
3:30 – 3:50pm	Keur Khaleyi
3:50 – 6:00pm	Food/Libations

These are tentative schedules. All things are subject to change.

[About Dance Place](#)

Rooted in the United States capital, Washington D.C., Dance Place supports movement artists by creating opportunities for creative development, performance, and education. By investing deeply in artists and centering those who have been systemically excluded from such opportunities, we strengthen the dance field.

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