

REGISTRATION

Please Print Clearly
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Post Code: _____ State: _____

mob: _____ Hm Ph: _____

Email: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR TUITION AND LEVEL

Beg= 2years or less & novice Int/Adv=3years plus good technique B T S

Drum Beg. int adv.
Dance Beg. int adv.
Singing Beg. int adv.

Enclosed is a cheque / money order for \$ _____

Being a 50% deposit for: please tick one box

5 classes per day
3 classes per day Need to hire a drum
2 classes per day \$5/per day

FOOD REQUIREMENTS:

3 delicious vegetarian meals & morn & afternoon tea will be served daily.

Please note: special food needs must be received at least 2 weeks prior to the camp.

Vegan:
gluten free:

other: (please specify) _____

Please make cheques / money orders payable to:

"RYTHM KONNECTIONS"
PO BOX 1109
BYRON BAY, 2481
NSW, AUSTRALIA

I _____, the undersigned have read & understand the refund policy agreement & under no circumstances will hold Rhythm Konnections, Ballina Beach Village or any of the facilitators responsible for any personal injuries or property loss.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

THE PROGRAM

African Explosion Thursday Jan. 20th Mullum Civic Centre

Please select your level & choice of classes

Check in & registration is from 8-9am Friday 21st

Please be on time. Followed by opening ceremony & classes.

Morning tea@10:30 first meal lunch @12:30pm.Sat. Sun. Mon.

8am BREAKY
9:00 beginner& Int/Adv Drum classes
10:30 morning tea
11am Dance Int/Advanced or Singing class
12:30 BREAK FOR LUNCH AND SWIMMING
2pm Drum Classes
3:30 Afternoon tea
4pm Mixed level Dance class
6:45 Dinner
8pm Group Singing class with Valanga

The evenings will be spent jamming around the fire with the M'bongi on Sun night.

FEES:

All Fees Include:
4 days Tuition, all meals & morn. & aft. tea
(accom not included)

5 CLASSES PER DAY \$595
3 CLASSES PER DAY \$550
2 CLASSES PER DAY \$495

CHILDREN with paying adult & must be supervised:

Fees Include: all meals (accom & tuition not included)

5-12 YRS \$150
2-4 YRS \$100
UNDER 2 YRS FREE

PLEASE NOTE:

**ALL ACCOMMODATION & CAMPING
MUST BE BOOKED DIRECTLY WITH
BALLINA BEACH VILLAGE**

Prices vary:

\$12 unpowered camping to \$145 deluxe share cabins

Contact: 0427847057

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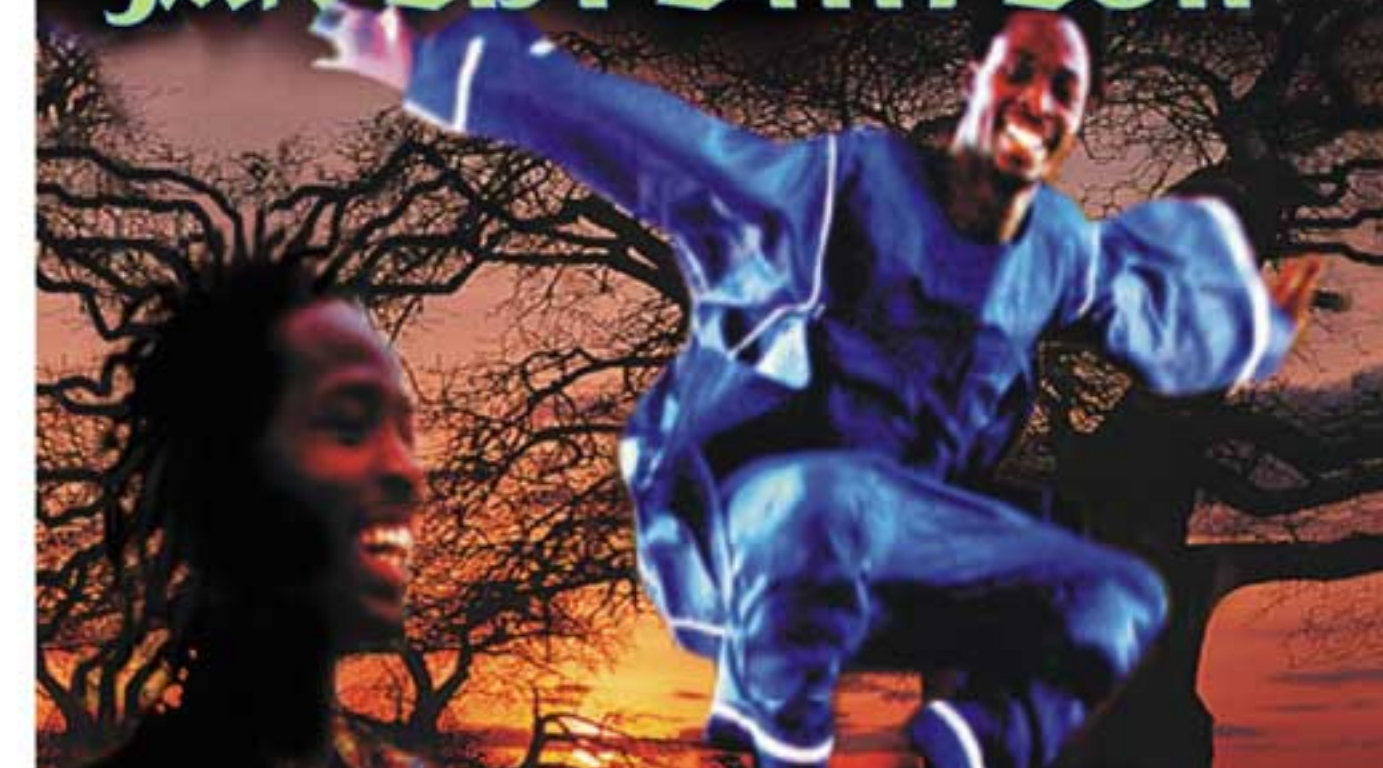
**BALLINA BEACH VILLAGE, DOLPHIN BAY,
BALLINA SOUTH**

**440 SOUTH BALLINA BEACH ROAD,
SOUTH BALLINA NSW 2478
(02) 6686 3347**

WWW.BALLINABEACHVILLAGE.COM.AU

Google Maps to Ballina Beach Village
30 mins. south of Byron Bay

AFRICAN DRUM, DANCE & SINGING RETREAT JAN 21ST-24TH 2011



**VALANGA KHOZA
LAMINE SONKO
AICHA KEITA
MARLIN SYLLA**

0411843384 or 0266857927

4 days of rich spirited rhythms, exuberant dances & songs that evoke joy in their wholesome celebration of life. Become part of this incredible musical community creating a village atmosphere on the sands of South Ballina Beach Northern NSW Australia.

**PLUS
AFRICAN EXPLOSION
THURS JAN 20th
MULLUM CIVIC HALL**

Photo by Lawrence Mooney



WWW.RHYTHMKONNECTIONS.COM

RHYTHM KONNECTIONS Is proud to host the 16th African Drum & Dance Camp in our new location Ballina Beach Village. Jan 21-24th starting with **African Explosion on THURSDAY 20th of Jan at Mullum Civic Hall** Looking forward to connecting with old and new friends & a warm welcome to this years awesome line up of teachers!

Aicha Keita & Marlin Sylla from Guinea West Africa, & returning artists **Valanga Khoza** from South Africa & **Lamine Sonko** from Senegal West Africa. Together with the Rhythm Konnections team, this camp promises to be a passionate, rhythmical, musical 4 days of celebration.

We hope you will take this opportunity to learn with these exceptional teachers & participate in this unforgettable experience. For the advanced it is a time to excel & learn new & exciting material. For the novice, it is a chance to join the ever growing circle of people passionate about African music & culture.

LAMINE SONKO DANCING & DRUMMING



Lamine is an exceptionally talented dancer & musician. born in Senegal West Africa to a Griot family. His father, Bouly Sonko, is the director for "Les Ballet National Du Senegal". His mother was the first solo dancer for the Ballet & for "Doudou N'diaye Rose". Lamine began performing when he was 10. He soon featured as a solo dancer, percussionist & singer in different well known local groups in Senegal. He & his family are highly respected artist & Griots in Africa & internationally. Lamine will be sharing his gifts as a master dancer & drummer teaching the exciting sabar rhythms & dances & of course playing guitar around the fire at nite. www.laminesonko.com

MARLIN SYLLA DJEMBE, DUNS & KORA

Marlin is a master drummer from Guinea West Africa. He has played & performed with Les Percussion de Guinea, The National Ballet Djoliba & Ballet Matam. He has taught students from all over the world who travelled to Conakry to experience the music of West Africa. In 2002 Marlin toured & taught in the UK & even played for Prince Charles. Marlin is now based in Sydney performing & teaching, sharing his rich rhythmical culture. As a performer he is dynamic & a master of his craft, as a teacher he is fun, inspiring, & a rhythmic magician being both a master of Duns djembe & Kora.



VALANGA KHOZA ACAPELLA SINGING & VOCAL PERCUSSION



South African born & bred, Valanga grew up singing & playing music. Valanga makes extensive use of the oldest instrument in the world, our voices. He has a voice like rich dark chocolate. His sense of humour and natural joy as a teacher make singing an unforgettable experience. Driven by irrepressible township beats & sweet harmonies! He will be teaching acapella singing, vocal percussion, and & sharing his wonderful gifts of storytelling with music. A real treat!!! Valanga is well established in Aust. & internationally as an exceptional performer & teacher in multicultural music. He has supported Lucky Dube, Geoffrey Oryema & performed with Ladysmith Black Mombassa. In Aust. He plays with Zebra Crossing & tours nationally to all major music festivals as a solo artist.

www.zebpracrossing.com

AICHA KEITA DANCING & DUNS



Aicha is an inspirational & passionate teacher & performer of West African drum & dance. Aicha started her dancing career at the age of 7 yrs training with BALLETT MATAM in Conakry, Guinea West Africa. She joined CIRCUS AFRICA AFRICA which toured internationally for over a year. Aicha is now based in Sydney & performing & teaching with several Sydney based groups. Aichas repertoire includes traditional Guinean Dance, Senegalese Sabar, Zulu traditional dance and also hip-hop, and contemporary dance Aicha is renowned for her energetic, high spirited dynamic & graceful style.

MBONGI: (COMMUNITY HEALING CIRCLE)

In keeping with previous camp traditions, we will have an Mbongi nite . An ancient Zimbabwean traditional gathering as one community that is focussed on healing & celebration using music, dance & storytelling. It will take place around a fire under the stars, weather permitting. It is a high light of the camp & an opportunity to experience the music in it's true cultural context.

LOCATION Ballina Beach Village is superbly situated on the Richmond River South Ballina & only 4mins from the expanse of the Pacific Ocean & white sands of South Ballina Beach. The Beach Village is 30mins south of Byron, 2 ½ hrs south of Brisbane & 10hrs north of Sydney. Pick up from Ballina airport can be arranged with sufficient notice.

ACCOMMODATION Please book your choice of accom directly with Ballina Beach Village. Choose from Camping in a beautiful natural setting, dormitory style lodges, self contained cabins or deluxe share cabins. Contact details on the back.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL please assist us, the caterers & the Ballina Beach Village by securing your booking early.

FOOD all meals are included in camp costs, consisting of 3 delicious vegetarian meals, morning & afternoon tea with BBQ both veg & meat on Sunday nite. Any special requirements need to be received 2 weeks prior to camp.

CHILDREN of all ages are welcome but must be supervised at all times. You may wish to bring, toys for the pool, bikes, surfboards, fishing gear, plenty of sunblock & hats. Kids are included in all evening entertainment & ceremonies & ½ price if they want to do classes with a paying adult.

BOOKING & REFUND POLICY

To reserve a place fill, sign and return the attached registration form enclosing your cheque / money order for 50% of the total fee. Final payment is due registration day, Jan 21st 8am. Bring your receipt.

Please be on time!

Requests for refunds must be made in writing & received before Dec 20th 2010. A 20% processing fee will be deducted. No refunds are available for participants who leave early or do not attend without notification. (sorry no exceptions)

PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS FEED BACK:

Inspiring & uplifting! Nothing short of Amazing! Thanks for the Rhythms!!

Deb Buckland '09

"Your camp provided a place to share so much-music, dance, meals, love & laughter. World class teachers & great atmosphere, I'll definitely be back year after year"

Karen Nelson '10

**IF YOU CAN WALK YOU CAN DANCE
& IF YOU CAN TALK YOU CAN SING!**

old African Proverb