



Course details

Course title

Music Making: African Drumming for All

Course code

Q00018656

Course date

Start: 09/09/24

End: 21/10/24

Number of classes

7 sessions

Timetable

Mon 9th Sep, 19:00 to 21:00

Mon 16th Sep, 19:00 to 21:00

Mon 23rd Sep, 19:00 to 21:00

Mon 30th Sep, 19:00 to 21:00

Mon 7th Oct, 19:00 to 21:00

Mon 14th Oct, 19:00 to 21:00

Mon 21st Oct, 19:00 to 21:00

Tutor

Mark Barfoot

Fee range

Free to £58.80

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

In venue

Venue

The Eagle Building (Sunderland)
201 High Street East, Sunderla
Sunderland
SR1 2AX

Level of study

Level 1

Course overview

Whether you are a seasoned drummer or just wanting to get started, this practical class in African drumming will inspire you with music and culture. We will be using the Djembe Drums which are a percussion instrument originating from West Africa. Drums will be provided for your use during the class. Our experienced tutor will guide you to play the Djembe drum as part of a group of friendly, like-minded people. You will learn to use the primary notes, referred to as 'bass,' 'tone' and 'slap' to create different sounds. No experience needed, just the willingness to have a go and enjoy the music.

Course description

Alongside the drumming, find out about the rich history of the instrument and its place in African culture, as well as its influence on global music. Our tutor is a mine of information and will help you to understand the instrument and its roots. The practice of African drumming is also known to reduce stress and promote wellbeing, so it is a wonderful way to leave behind the stresses of the day!

You can bring your own drum or use one supplied by the tutor. No musical knowledge is required, just the enthusiasm to learn. The tutor will show you step-by-step how to create a sound from the drums using your fingers and palms. You will learn how to use various parts of the hand and drum to produce different sounds. Our patient tutor will break down the rhythms into manageable chunks to make learning easier. You will soon be able along with the group to play basic patterns and then more complex rhythms.

After this course you will have the opportunity to progress to a higher-level course in African Drumming which will further your skills and knowledge of the instrument or another WEA course of your choosing if you wish.

Join this friendly class and bring some sunshine to the winter months

What financial support is available?

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during

your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

What other support is available?

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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