

November 6 - December 11, 2018

## Donation-Based West African Dance Performance Workshop

Company: Cumbe Center for African and Diaspora Dance  
 Venue: Cumbe Center for African and Diaspora Dance  
 Location: Brooklyn, NY

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With Live Drumming

Learn the basics of West African dance in these introductory classes designed to make the shyest new dancers feel welcome, have fun, and build the confidence to get on the dance floor. If you've always wanted to start dancing but felt intimidated, our Absolute Beginner classes are for you! Or if you want to get back to basics and learn the footwork from the ground up, these are also for you. The amazing Darian Parker will return to Cumbe to breakdown and share the soulful and intricate dances of Mali, West Africa. Class begins with a warm-up that is designed to improve flexibility, strengthen the core, improve stamina, and get acquainted with West African music. The second part of the class starts with a brief history and context of the dances (that will inform your execution of the movements) and continues with an extensive breakdown of technique. Then, you'll practice what you've learned as you move across the floor.

In this Dance for Us! series, students will take a 6-week dive into West African dance (Tuesdays 6-7:30pm) which will culminate in a performance for students to share what they learned. The workshop classes will be donation-based (\$5 - \$30) and we will offer free childcare so that as many people as possible, regardless of income, can participate.

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<http://cumbedance.org/event/donation-based-west-african-dance-performance-workshop/>

Schedule  
 November 6, 2018: 6:00pm  
 November 13, 2018: 6:00pm  
 November 20, 2018: 6:00pm  
 November 27, 2018: 6:00pm  
 December 4, 2018: 6:00pm  
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