

## 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH PERFORMANCES

Music | Dance | Art | Poetry from the African Diaspora

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### JANO BAND

Jano formed in 2011 with the mission to transform traditional African music and to shape the future of rock 'n roll. Born and raised in Ethiopia, the band's ten members share a musical passion with them since early childhood days.

### EME & HETERU

Eme & Heteru is a whirlwind of musical and cultural diversity based in DC . With DC-based Nigerian Eme as its lead singer, this band sets itself apart with exotic world music that continues to break the identity barrier with mass appeal that goes straight to your sweet spot.



### BALAFON WEST AFRICAN DANCE COMPANY

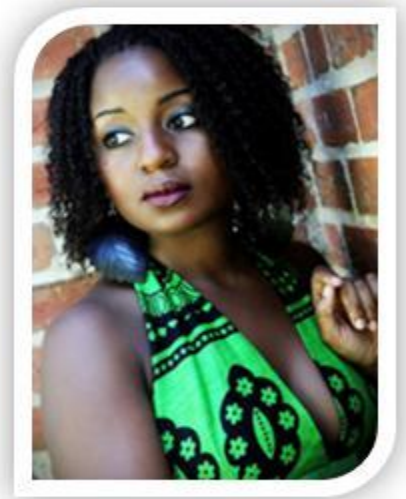
Officially formed by Kadiatou Conte-Forte and her Washington, DC students in 1997, Balafon is a creative partnership among several artists who masterfully blend the

natural elegance of traditional West African dance and music with amazingly heroic athleticism.



## **LOIDE**

Loide is a Washington DC-based jazz vocalist serving up a mix of contemporary jazz and warm afro-lusophone rhythms. With roots in Mozambique and Guinea Biassau, Loide has spent the last 10 years honing her musical craft in some of the nation's hippest speakeasies and jazz clubs.



## **WATERFLOW WAGEBLE**

With the combination of talent, skill, dedication and hope for a better world, Waterflow is a DC-based Senegalese rapper spreading a positive message through Hip-Hop across platforms and conferences around the world with the help of his life experience.



## **ANNA MWALAGHO**

Anna Mwalagho is more than a triple-treat performer. She is an internationally recognized actress, comedian, poet/spoken word artist, African dancer, singer/songwriter and storyteller. She has won numerous national awards in her native country Kenya, and here in the U.S.A, where she is recognized as the Queen of spoken Afro beat and also "Mama Africa."





## **DJ UNDERDOG**

Born Timoteo Fabrega in Panama, DJ Underdog came to DC at age seven with his mother. Today, he is one of the most sought after DJs in the DC music circuit as his sets traverse Hip Life, Soukous, Coupé-Décalé, Zouk, Brazilian, Samba, Kuduro, Cumbia, Afrobeat, Tribal House and Kwaito.

## **Live Art by ANIEKAN UDOFIA**

From his well-known mural of President Barack Obama and other famous patrons on the walls of the famous Ben's Chili bowl on U Street, to the happy children's mural in Adams Morgan, and his towering murals of Duke Ellington, Fredrick Douglas and George Washington Nigerian-born Udofia is fast becoming a household name in the District.



## **Poetry by PAGES MATAM**

Pages is a multidimensional creative writing and performance artist, residing in the D.C. metropolitan area, but originally from Cameroon, Africa. He is a Write Bloody author, educator, playwright, host, event organizer, Award Winning slam poet (2 time DC Grand Slam Champion, 2013 Southern Fried Champion) along with his greatest accomplishment, being a father.

