



PERFORMER BIOGRAPHIES

Izzy Zick **Ghanaian Music**



Izzy Zick is an Afro beats artist originally from Ghana. Izzy started his musical career at an early age with a passion and a knack for poetry. His most recent single Ohemaa, which describes the beauty of an African woman has gained much success in Ghana and on the continent.

Kankouran **West African Dance Company**



In over three decades of its existence, KanKouran West African Dance Company has been committed to preserving and promoting traditional West African culture in Washington, DC. Their performances provide quality entertainment and educational programs to local and national audiences, thereby encouraging cross-cultural exchange and enrichment

Kignet Band **Ethiopian Traditional Music and Dance**



Kignet's combined experience spans over two decades of performance in Ethiopia's esteemed stages. This 18-member band performs classic folkloric songs and compositions from all around Ethiopia with grooves that invite their audience to move!

Samir LanGus
Moroccan Traditional Music



Samir is a traditional musician from Agadir, Morocco. Samir began learning Gnawa, a traditional, spiritual trance music at 8 years old and has inspired by many musicians, including Gnawa masters such as Hamid el Kasri and Hassan Ben Jaafer. He has performed across the United States and has used his particular music genre to promote the rich cultural diversity of Morocco and of the African continent.

Headliner

Les Nubians
Afropean, Urban and R&B



Les Nubians is an Afropean, Urban, R&B Grammy-nominated duo composed of sisters, Hélène and Célia Faussart from France. In 1985 the sisters moved with their parents to Chad, and returned for Bordeaux seven years later where they began their musical careers singing Acappella, producing poetry slams, and singing background vocals for various artists worldwide. Les Nubians' debut album, *Princesses Nubiennes*, was released by Virgin Records in 1998. Since then, they have become one of the most successful French-language musical groups in the U.S., and best known for their Billboard R&B Single "Makeda" from their Grammy nominated album. Les Nubians were the 1999 Soul Train Lady of Soul Award Winners for Best New Artist, and are recipients of two NAACP Image Awards nominations in 2000.