



COLLEGE OF MUSIC

University of North Texas College of Music

Ensemble Recital | Saturday, April 13, 2024 | 8:00 pm | Voertman Hall

26th Annual African Cultural Festival

Special Guest Artist

Professor Paul Schauert, Michigan State University

Special Guest of Honor

Mayor Gerard Hudspeth

Guests of Honor

Mr. Winfred Kobla Gbedemah, President, Ewe Association of Dallas
Nana Kwame Owusu, Krotihene of DFW, Asafo Market (Arlington, TX)

Mr. Klyphord Darkwa, KD Financial LLC (Arlington, TX)

Nana Kwame Agyapong, Asantehene of the Asanteman
Association of DFW

Rev. Martin Osae, Ghanaian Presbyterian Church at
Woodhaven (Irving, TX)

Rev. Bernard Rockson, Mt. Zion Church (Denton, TX)

Bishop David E. Martin, Gospel Tabernacle Church (Dallas, TX)

Guest Performers:

Gideon Alorwoyie, Gloria Alorwoyie, Memunatu Alorwoyie,
Nate Ash- Morgan, Beatrice Ayi, Chad Campbell, Marvin Frank Chidi,
Bismark Danyo, Edward Dogbe, Benedicta Forte, Agbeko Gidi

Special Acknowledgments

UNT Percussion Area

UNT Piano and Keyboard Studies Division

UNT Music History, Theory and Ethnomusicology Division

TWU Dance Department

KeteOpening Procession of Chiefs
Afrikania Cultural Troupe

SohuMusic and Dance
Texas Woman's University Dancers & Afrikania Cultural Troupe Drummers

SekyiMusical Interlude
Afrikania Cultural Troupe & UNT African Percussion Ensemble

Fumefume.....Music and Dance
TWU Dancers & Afrikania Cultural Troupe Drummers

KukuMusic and Dance
Bandan Koro African Drum & Dance Ensemble

Atsiagbekor.....Music and Dance
Afrikania Cultural Troupe & UNT African Percussion Ensemble

--15-minute Intermission--

FlowersMusic and Dance
TWU Dancers & Afrikania Cultural Troupe Drummers

Dagbamba.....Musical Interlude
UNT African Percussion Ensemble & Afrikania Cultural Troupe

KpatsaMusic and Dance
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Togo-AtsiaMusic and Dance
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BalantaMusic and Dance
Bandan Koro African Drum and Dance Ensemble

GahuMusic and Dance
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Afrikania Cultural Troupe, Ghana, West Africa
Gideon Alorwoyie, director

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Marvin Frank Chidi, Bismark Kofi Danyo, Edward Dogbe,
Benedicta Forte, Agbeko Gidi, Paul Schauert

UNT African Percussion Ensemble and African Music and Movement
Gideon Alorwoyie, director • Nate Ash-Morgan, assistant director

Spencer Alger, Joshua Camacho, Katelyn Couch, Luke Gibson,
Brayden Haslam, Benedict Mpeti, Eyobe Tilahun, Joseph Woodburn

Bandan Koro African Drum & Dance Ensemble • Tony Browne, director

Drummers: Tony Browne, Edward Dogbe, Jalil Williams
Dancers: Theo Nimpson, Aleja Parsons

Texas Woman's University African Dancers
Memunatu Alorwoyie, director

Drummers: Nate Ash-Morgan, Edward Dogbe, Brittany Padilla
Dancers: Bryanna Crayton, Domiqnesha Delaney, Victoria Hicks,
Amanda Lange, Arty Leos, Martha Limones, Gia Mejia,
Anna Newcomb, Malia Ramos, John Robles Rodriguez

Paul Schauert is currently an assistant professor of arts and humanities at Michigan State University. He holds a PhD in folklore and ethnomusicology from Indiana University (2011). He earned his bachelor's degree in music from UNT (2002), where he studied extensively with Prof. Alorwoyie. Inspired by this experience, Dr. Schauert then spent many years in West Africa working with the Ghana Dance Ensemble, publishing a book on his research: *Staging Ghana* (Indiana University Press, 2015).

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of Traditional Ethnic Music & Dance
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General Admission \$10
Students Free with UNT ID

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ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
Torgbui Gideon Foli
Alorwoye

PERFORMING GROUPS

- The Afrikania Cultural Troupe
Ghana, West Africa
- UNT African Percussion Ensemble
- Bandan Koro African Drum & Dance Ensemble
Dallas, Texas
- UNT Students of East Africa Dance Group
- Texas Woman's University African Dance



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Integrity



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Better Together



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OUR VALUES



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