

**Illinois State University  
Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts  
School of Music**

**West African Drumming and Dance Ensemble (WADDE)**



**“Music of Africa: Regenerating Humanity With and  
Through African Ancestral Wisdoms”**

“A man who cannot cry is a social time bomb”

“Another form of illness is the inability to accept or even tolerate those  
who are different from us. Worse, this inability encourages suspicion,  
fear, and resentment”

**Kemp Recital Hall  
April 16, 2025  
Wednesday Evening  
7:30 p.m.**

**This is the one hundred and ninety-third program of the 2024-2025 season.**

# Program

Please silence all electronics for the duration of the concert. Thank you.

One Finger cannot effectively wipe the face

If you give bad medicine, some touches your mouth

Invocation

Sinte

Dance of the Nalu of Guinea

Swimming with Beads

Anasesem Intellectual Traditions

Allison Thabit

Burkina Faso Gyil (Xylophoe)

Listening to Our Ancestral Voices

Kountiala Somé

Adenkum and Songs

Akan women's gourd music

Burkina Faso Gyil

Listening to Our Ancestral Voices

Kountiala Somé

*I am Proud of My Ancestors*

book by Nana Hema Aduonum

Audience

Nana Abrewa

Anasesem Intellectual Traditions

James Dickson

Kpanlogo Song and Bells.

*Mmoguo* Music interlude

Kahinka, the Hunter

Anasesem intellectual Traditions

Sage Shoaf

Gadzo

Dance of the Ewe of People

Aboo se me nsa

*Mmoguo* Music interlude

Iona Dillon

Little Girl Trading Corn                      Anansesem Intellectual Traditions  
Zakia Wraggs

Kye Kye Kule                                      *Mmoguo* Music interlude  
James Dickson

Sneaky Tortoise                                  Anansesem Intellectual Traditions  
Danielle Vasquez

Twene Kanko (Drum Circle)                      *Mmoguo* Music interlude

Spider Eating Beans                              Anansesem Intellectual Traditions  
Iona Dillon

Burkina Faso *Gyil*                                Listening to Our Ancestral Voices  
Kountiala Somé

Kpanlogo    Dance of the Ga of Ghana

Reinvocation

Guest Scholar-Artist  
Sage Kountiala Somé

Ensemble Members

Nana Hemaama Ama Oforiwaa Aduonum, *director*  
James Dickson  
Iona Dillon  
Sage Shoaf  
Allison Thabit  
Danielle Vasquez  
Zakia Wraggs



African Music and Dance Ensemble is looking for members to join.

All students, regardless of major, and Community members are welcome to join.

To Register:

Music 139A21

Music 239A21

Music 439A21

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact  
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Thank you for coming.