

On behalf of the students, staff and PTO from Cumberland Elementary School, I want to thank you for the extraordinary Drumtalk performance at our school yesterday.

The rhythm is so compelling...

Thank you for taking time to share the gift of music and dance with the students and staff at Garfield Elementary School. It was obvious that your offering to us on that day was a powerful gift which effects will be felt for a long time

...a zone of freedom and joy...

Your efforts in today's presentation gave our students at Meadow View a new look on where their interests can be used in our community. On behalf of the staff and parents, we thank you.



KO-THI
DANCE COMPANY

Your Passport to African Music and Culture



DRUM TALK

Ko-Thi Dance Company founded in 1969, is the 3rd oldest African Dance Company in America. The company specializes in African, Caribbean, and African-American dance and music.

OUR VISION:

To sustain the beauty of traditional African dance and music by translating these diverse cultures for a modern audience through the performing arts.

To bring to life subjects, like social studies, geography, math and language as lessons taught through dance and music.

To create environments in which people are moved to greater compassion, acceptance, pride and respect.



ABOUT DRUMTALK

Drumtalk is an artist-in-residence program designed to showcase African cultural experiences for students K through College level. Students may enjoy an enthralling narrative performance given by Ko-Thi's professional dancers and musicians or experience hands-on activities in a music or dance workshop.

WHAT WE OFFER

PERFORMANCE DEMONSTRATION

A 40 minute performance that provides students the opportunity to experience African dance and music. Professional dancers and musicians perform traditional works in full costume. The performance is followed by a Q & A with students.

DANCE WORKSHOP

The class can accommodate 30-35 students and is taught by professional dancers. The session is 30 minutes to 1 hour of basic African dance instruction.

DRUM WORKSHOP

This class can accommodate up to 20 students. Students will be taught basic hand drum techniques and must be 8 years of age and up. (School must supply drums for students)

AFROBICS

Professional dancers and musicians conduct aerobic fitness classes that target stamina and flexibility. Class can be tailored to fit your schools Phy-Ed class schedule.

ARTS CONNECTION

A Ko-Thi professional dancer or drummer visits a classroom with various visuals (i.e., costume, video etc.) and discusses the African culture and how it relates to dance and music. Lecture discussions are tailored to accommodate various curriculums.

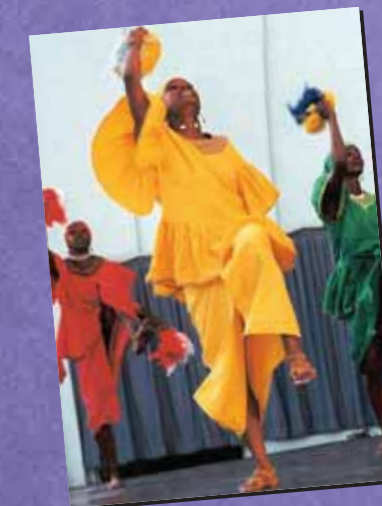
RESIDENCIES

Drum and Dance

This 30 minute to 1 hour dance and/or drum class provides K-12 students basic drum and dance techniques. Professional artists are on site for an entire day and can teach up to 6 classes per day. Core groups will have the opportunity to showcase the material they have learned in a full assembly that includes a performance by Ko-Thi Dance Company

WORKSHOP FEES

Performance Demonstration - \$750/performance
Dance Workshop - \$700/day
Drum Workshop - \$300/day
Afrobics - \$150/class
Arts Connection - \$100/class
Drum residency - \$1500/week
Dance residency - \$3500/week



To book your school or company, please call (414) 273-0676. Seats are sold on a first come first serve basis.