

African Arts in the Park 2010

Children's Hut Biographies



Story Mobile - CONFIRMED

Genre: Literature/ Story Telling

Performing: Saturday, August 14

From: Pittsburgh, PA

Members: Cynthia Battle and staff

Bio: The mission of Beginning with Books is to meaningfully increase the number of children who become capable and enthusiastic lifelong readers. This is accomplished through research-based programs, skill development and encouragement that enable parents and other adults to promote the literacy development of the children in their care. (www.beingwithbooks.org)

Activity Time: 11:00am-4:00pm



ABOUBACAR CAMARA- CONFIRMED

Genre: West African Drumming

Performing: Saturday, August 14

From: Guinea, West Africa

Bio: Aboubacar "Oscar" Camara choreographer, dancer, drummer and master teacher hails from Guinea, West Africa. Mr. Camara spent nearly a decade with Les Ballets Africains as choreographer and lead dancer, in addition to 16 more years spent working with the national ballet companies of Senegal and Ivory Coast. Currently, he is the artistic director of Guinea West African Drum and Dance Ensemble, based in Pittsburgh.

Workshop Time: 11:30am



French and Spanish Arts & Crafts- CONFIRMED

Genre: Arts

Performing: Saturday, August 14

From: Pittsburgh, PA

Members: **FRENCH visual art and craft:** Christine Frechard, Elisa Vettier, **Conversation:** Jacqueline Dougherty, **SPANISH: Visual Art & Craft:** Candelaria Ruiz-Bradbury, **Dance:** Luis E. Montano, **Conversation:** Cecilia Ricio, Maria Antonieta Farnen, **Music:** José Layo Puentes

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Workshop Time: 12:30pm

NOTE: All Performers and stage personalities are subject to change.



Addison Behavioral Care- **CONFIRMED** Genre: **Obstacle Course**

From: Pittsburgh, PA

Activity: Saturday, August 14

Bio: Formally Addison Terrance Learning Center, Addison Behavioral Care is a nonprofit agency for multi-cultural substance abuse prevention, intervention and treatment. ABHC is part of the US Department of Housing of Urban Development's initiative to combat the increasing drug problems in the public housing communities. Although the name and locations have changed over the years, the dedication to the community and the culturally specific needs of the community remains the same.

Activity Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm



"TEMUJIN"
The Storyteller

Temujin- Mask Making- **CONFIRMED**

Genre: African Art

From: Pittsburgh, PA

Performing: Saturday, August 14

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Workshop Time: 1:30pm



Nia Steel Pan Ensemble- **CONFIRMED**

Genre: West African Drumming

From: Pittsburgh, PA

Performing: Saturday, August 14

Members: Tyler Kunkel, Shaquanda Winbush, DeAndre Winbush, Monica Craig, Ragan Clark, Darelle Carson

Bio: The YMWAHA institutional memory believes that the Nia Steel Pan Ensemble began officially in 1999 when 50 Northside children who were engaged in a year long music exploration project voted the steel pan the instrument that they would most like to learn to play. With help from the Robert McDonald Foundation to build steel drums, the ensemble began. The pans were built by Phil Solomon and his daughter Janera became the groups' first music director. The current musical director the Nia Steel Pan Ensemble is Jonnet Solomon.

Workshop Time: 2:00pm-3:00pm

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Desiree Davis- Confirmed

Genre: African Dance

From:

Pittsburgh, PA

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Kelly E. Parker - CONFIRMED

Genre: Jewelry Making

From:

Pittsburgh, PA

Performing: Saturday, August 14

Members:

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Bio:

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Moses Shabaka Perkins-CONFIRMED

Genre: African Drumming

From:

Pittsburgh, PA

Performing: Saturday, August 14

Bio:

Moses Shabaka Perkins is a native Pittsburgh PA. He has been studying, playing, and teaching WEST AFRICAN RHYTHMS for the past 20 years under several master drummers from West Africa. Shabaka has performed at many venues around Pittsburgh and abroad. Currently, Shabaka is participating in the Legacy Arts Company's six weeks summer program for children. A quote that he lives by is "Always remember to never forget to always remember."

Workshop Time: 5:30



Children's Museum- CONFIRMED

Genre: Arts and Crafts

From:

Pittsburgh, PA

Performing: Sunday, August 15

Bio:

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh provides innovative museum experiences that inspire joy, creativity and curiosity. We provide the highest quality exhibits and programs for learning and play. We are a partner and a resource for people who work with or on behalf of children. (www.pittsburghkids.org)

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Carnegie Science Center - CONFIRMED

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Children's Hut Activities Both Days

11:00am-7:00pm



Sogbety Diomande- CONFIRMED Genre: **West African Stilt Dancing**

From: Ivory Coast in West Africa

Performing: Saturday & Sunday

Bio: **Sogbety Diomande**, native of the Ivory Coast in West Africa, is a professional drummer and dancer and has been performing since he was a child. He has been a member of Ballet National de Cote d'Ivoire, Kotchegna Dance Company, and has been featured with many troupes in NYC and around the US. (myspace.com)

Activity Time: 2:00pm-2:20pm



Petting Zoo- CONFIRMED

Activity Date: Saturday & Sunday,
Start Time: 11:00am



Bounce House- Confirmed

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Fire Truck - CONFIRMED

Activity Date: Saturday & Sunday
Start Time: 11:00am-1:00pm



Climb Pittsburgh-CONFIRMED

Activity Date: Saturday & Sunday
Start Time: 11:00am – 7:00 pm



Kayak Pittsburgh-CONFIRMED

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Start Time: 11:00am



Face Painting – Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated-CONFIRMED

Activity Date: Saturday & Sunday
Activity Time: 1:00pm-5:00pm