



Manga African Dance Inc.

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P.O. Box 50662
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Dear Supporter,

Manga would like to seize this opportunity to thank you and commend you for your support for the arts. Your commitment to supporting the arts certainly makes a major positive impact on the community at large. We appreciate the interest you show in contributing to our organization, so that we can continue to enrich the community at large. Manga is proud to have you as one of our arts partners.

Mission: Manga African Dance, Inc. is “dedicated to preserving, presenting and teaching indigenous African culture through dance, education and performance dance and drum workshops, lecture demonstrations, fashion shows and adornment.” Founded by Ramatu Afegbua-Sabbatt in 1990, Manga Dance Company is composed of adults and children who are students as well as performers, learning about and performing traditional African dance, music and culture. The company’s high-energy repertoire exhibits cultural traditions from western, central and southern Africa.

Manga offers its primary target audience, adults and children in low and moderate income areas within Fulton County, and the metro Atlanta community; The key areas of programming: (1) African Dance Education and Workshops Georgia schools. (2) African Dance Performances, annual dance and drum conference and Osun Festivals.

Grant awards: The year 2010 was a better beginning for Manga. Manga completed Board and Executive Director training led by John Eaton, from a consultancy grant received from the community foundation for 2009/2010. Manga was awarded operating and grassroots grant from Fulton County Arts Council 2009/2010 and an operating grant for 2010/2011, a grassroots grant from Georgia Council for the Arts 10/11. Manga also was awarded 2010/2011 consultancy grant from the community foundation to improve on its accounting system. Manga’s has been elevated with a working Board due to this training. The Board is helping to expand programming to a broader community in Fulton County.

One of the unique accomplishments of Manga African Dance Company are the successes and the recognition of performing in the 1996 Olympic Games (opening and closing ceremonies), Georgia State University 2003/2006 World Music festivals, the National Black Arts Festival, Atlanta’s Festival of Trees, Congressman John Lewis Annual Cultural Diversity Celebration 2005-2010, and other dance performances at various corporations, schools and local non-profit organizations.

WE need your help!!!!!! You contributions are tax deductible as Manga is a non-profit corporation with 501 (c) 3 status.

Thank you in advance for considering and hopefully assisting in making sure that our 12th Annual Dance and Drum Conference does not fail this year. It has been a challenge. But nonetheless Manga has been blessed with supporters, to be able to continue despite all obstacles. Please visit our website for more information.

I am attaching a contribution form and please visit our website. This conference generally cost \$16,000, but on a shoe string budget and eliminating certain aspects of it and with fewer artists and more volunteers, we can run it at \$10,000.00. Sponsors will be listed on the Manga website.

NEEDS:

- Hotels for the artists 6 rooms at \$80.00 per night for 2 nights.
- Airline Tickets: \$2,500.00
- Meals: \$30 per diem for 10 artists for 2 days= \$1,800
- Artists fees (half), we are asking all artists to donate one class \$4,000.00
- Studio rental \$600 plus Liability Insurance
- Ground transportation of artists (by volunteers)
- Flyer \$250.00

Sincerely,

Ramatu Afegbua-Sabbatt

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