

world fest

think global, hear it local



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our programs

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making connections

overview

brings together

- International performing ensembles
- Midwestern communities
- Program sponsors

to connect with, learn about, and come to enjoy music and culture from other points inside and outside of our own country

communities

one small to mid-size community in each of our nine member states, selected based on:

- consultation with state agency partners
- our own knowledge and research
- sponsor interests
- direct communication and site visits
- interest in cultural exchange and learning

ensembles

six ensembles in each three-year cycle, selected based on:

- Artistic excellence
- Commitment to education
- Ambassadorial role

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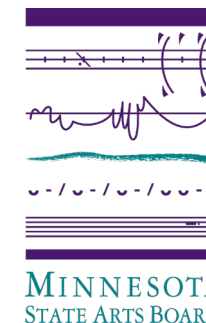
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meet the musicians

G H A N A

okaidja afroso

A singer, guitarist, percussionist, and dancer, Okaidja Afroso is deeply connected to the musical traditions of the African Diaspora and devoted to bringing together diverse modes of expression in the pursuit of global harmony.

[watch](#)





ALASKA (INUIT)

pamyua

Pamyua showcases Inuit culture through music and dance performance. The show is a platform to share indigenous knowledge and history. Their style derives from traditional melodies reinterpreted with contemporary vocalization and instrumentation. Often described as “Inuit Soul Music,” Pamyua has discovered their own genre.

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FINLAND

okra playground

Helsinki based electro-folk band Okra Playground formed from a shared wish to bring together excellent people and musicians to play around traditional Finnish music with a fresh approach. The music resulting from the quite unusual interesting combination has roots deep in the Finnish soil, but its tallest branches spread out towards the furthest shores of world music.

[watch](#)





C O L O M B I A

canalón de timbiquí

Canalón de Timbiquí plays traditional afro-colombian rhythms from the pacific coast. The members come from a small town surrounded by rivers, near pacific ocean: Timbiquí. The singers met in high school, where their music teacher taught them the songs that his grandmother and the other women were singing while they were washing clothes down the river. The music of the band combines soft voices, marimba and guasá percussions.

[watch](#)

PUERTO RICO

los parranderos de loiza

The dancers and musicians of Los Parranderos de Loiza share the history of bomba, its Afro-Puerto Rican roots, its vibrancy, and the significance of bomba to their hometown of Loiza.

[watch](#)



I S R A E L

ensemble six

Israeli ensemble yet to be announced!

sample schedule

okaidja
afroso

- Ghana
- Fall 2022

pamyua

- Alaska
- Spring 2023

okra
playground

- Finland
- Fall 2023

canalón de
timbiquí

- Colombia
- Spring 2024

los parranderos
de loiza

- Puerto Rico
- Fall 2024

ensemble six

- Israel
- Spring 2025

about the residencies

overview

- Three year partnership
- Six ensembles
- Each ensemble spends one week in each partner community

residencies

each week-long residency includes

- Roughly ten school & community workshops
 - Music, teaching, interaction, and Q&A
- One public concert
- Possible school concert
- Receptions and other community interactions

workshop locations

- **School auditoriums and gymnasiums**
- Libraries
- Churches
- Senior centers
- Prisons
- Universities
- Schools for students with disabilities
- Bank lobbies
- Hospitals
- Factory cafeterias
- Convents

community tools



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community tools

Salesforce community portal

- Promotional materials
- Itinerary
- Print material requests
- Final report

salesforce community portal

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postcard sample

Hikaru 飛香流
JAPAN

Paulo Padilha e Bando
BRAZIL

Hadar Maoz **יועם מרדך**
ISRAEL

Choir
CHINA

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HIKARU

Explore Japanese folk music through Hikaru's magical melodies and striking rhythms: a stunning performance that will carry you to the soaring mountains and rugged seas of Japan.

PAULO PADILHA E BANDO

Catch the samba swing of Brazil with Paulo Padilha e Bando. Paulo's bright music, mischievous humor, and clever lyrics will have you dancing all the way home.

HADAR MAOZ

Traverse 2,500 years of musical tradition from the heart of Central Asia with Hadar Maoz and her ensemble. Hadar's electrifying Bukharin sound finds inspiration everywhere—Persia, Israel, and beyond.

CHOOR

Enjoy the sounds and rhythms of the Inner Mongolian grasslands with Choor, an ensemble featuring beautiful horsehead fiddles and captivating, world-famous *khoomii* throat singing.



Community Partners

- IA Iowa State Center / Iowa State University
- IL Carbondale Community Arts
- IN City of Rushville, Indiana
- MI Historic Ironwood Theatre
- MN Fairmont Opera House
- ND Williston Arts and Culture Association
- OH Holland Theatre
- SD Huron Area Arts Council
- WI Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts

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commitments

COMMITMENT

community partner

communities are expected to cover local expenses, which include

- Lodging, an average of 7 rooms for each week
- Concert venue expense (community keeps public concert box ticket sales)
- Local marketing and administration cost
- School bussing as needed
- Hospitality

COMMITMENT

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arts midwest covers

- Artist fees and per diem
- All international and domestic transportation
- Costs related to visa and tax work
- Marketing materials in quantity
- Health insurance
- Road manager costs
- Translators as needed
- Sound equipment necessary for workshops

program impact

history

launched in 2003 with groups from

- Japan
- Mexico
- Israel
- Sea Island off the Georgia Coast

nearly two decades later...

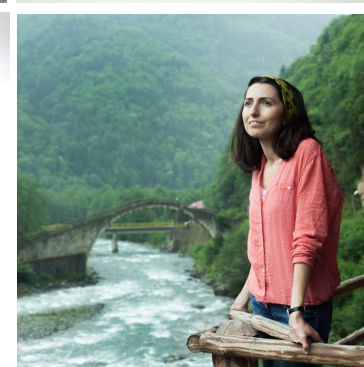
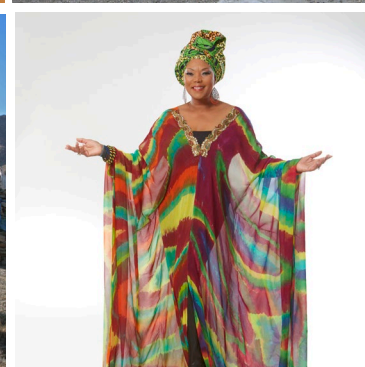
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communities



HISTORY

ensembles

- 7 groups from Israel
- 5 groups from China
- 4 groups from Japan
- 3 groups from Canada
- 2 groups from Mexico
- 2 groups from Somalia
- 1 group each from
 - Pakistan
 - Egypt
 - Indonesia
 - Brazil
 - South Africa
 - Turkey
 - Norway





“While most of the communities around Huron are very homogeneous, Huron is extremely diverse with the population including Hispanic, Vietnamese, Hmong and Karen components. However, even here, surprises happen. During the workshop at James Valley Christian School, the students seemed amazingly knowledgeable about Brazil and its culture. Two of the students, sisters in the elementary school, had primed their classmates about their homeland. They and their mother were welcome guests at the Saturday night concert.”

SPENCER NESSON, HURON AREA ARTS COUNCIL



“As the world gets ‘smaller’ with ease of travel and information sharing, it becomes ever more important to understand this world and all its peoples. Arts Midwest World Fest helps connect cultures in a deep and meaningful way. Audiences of all ages leaned in wanting to learn and to better understand Hikaru. They listened eagerly to develop a sense of the rhythm and inflections of the accents they were hearing. “I want to move to Japan” was heard more than once after the elementary workshops; it was a comment that indicated those students were listening and learning not only about the folk music of Hikaru but also connecting with the musicians in a personal sense. For elementary student to feel like they could find a sense of home and belonging in a faraway land is a wonderful connection and important in a time when, all too often, world leaders create a sense of ‘other’ and ‘us vs them’ to advance political agendas etc.”

SARA COMPTON, IOWA STATE CENTER



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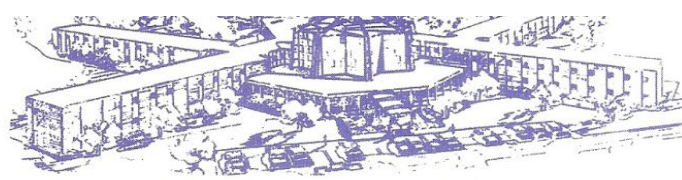
“At the end of the evening concert, there were tears in the eyes of Nevada, Iowa teachers who had worked with the group the day before. When An Da Union sang ‘Auld Lang Syne,’ and handed out scarf-gifts, it was clear that a life-long memory had been created from the interaction of music and teaching about Mongolia.”

PATTI COTTER, IOWA STATE CENTER





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Greetings!

We Sisters here at Maryvale really enjoyed the instrumental and vocal music provided for us here by the "Mauvais Sort" on Tuesday, February 23. Their music was delightful and we enjoyed some conversation in French also! Our religious community was founded in France so many of our Sisters know the language. We really appreciate the fact that they could come to our convent to perform.

Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely,

Sister Marlyse Dionne
and all the Sisters



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