

Famed West African Drummer and Teacher, Mamady Keita is Coming to North Texas

World renowned West African drummer, **Mamady Keita**, will make his only southern U.S. stop on his 2010 tour of North America in McKinney, Texas, a Dallas suburb, for the Soli Drum and Dance Festival May 14-16, 2010.

Mamady Keita offers drum workshops for all levels of students. One of only a handful of initiated Masters of the Malinké drumming tradition, Mamady Keita is universally respected as one of the world's premiere djembe Drum Masters and teachers. His Tam Tam Mandingue Schools have been established around the world and his dedication to teaching and advancing West African drumming is legendary. He has dedicated his life to performing and preserving the music of West Africa, his creativity and his superlative teaching skills have elevated the djembe and expanded the study of West African music across the continent.

Full Workshop: \$330.00 (10-hours includes all Soli Drum and Dance Festival workshops and events - senior/youth and Drums Not Guns member discounts available)

Mamady Keita's workshops will take place all weekend long during the Soli Drum and Dance Festival which also includes workshops by the world famous drummer Moussa Traore of Mali and African Dancers Djeneba Sako of Mali, Moussa Diabate of Guinea and Jean Claude Lessou of the Ivory Coast. Dance workshops will be accompanied by Abou Sylla, Mamadouba Mohamed Camara and Alseny Sylla.

The Soli Drum and Dance Festival concludes with a free "Grande Finale" performance, open to the public, including many of the visiting teachers and some of their students plus several of Texas' own West African Drum and Dance troupes

Limited seats available REGISTER NOW!!!

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