

Akwesi AFRO MOSES presents

AFRICA ALIVE

MUSIC



"Afro Moses ignites a fire in his listeners. See him and be transported!" – Chairman, Reggae Grammy Committee, USA

"This is like nothing you've seen before....amazing!" – Jane Burridge, The Basement, Sydney, Australia.

"Afro Moses is a natural showman who charms the crowd the minute he gets on stage." – Salif Keita, musician, Paris/Mali.

"Excellent in every way." – Mrs Baird, Hunter Valley Grammar School.

Department of Education and Training Gazette Comment

"Exciting and engaging performance of African music and discussion of African culture. Students participate in a wonderful performance of African music through singing, dancing, clapping and playing traditional African instruments. This high-energy performance with internationally renowned performer Afro Moses will compliment the study of African music as well as inform students of the cultural traditions of this intriguing country."

THE PERFORMER

Afro Moses has toured all over the world at some of the biggest festivals and venues across the globe. He has shared the stage with Ziggy Marley, Angelique Kidjo and Salif Keita, to name just a few and has toured extensively throughout Europe with his education programme. Afro Moses is a singer, composer, multi-instrumentalist (fourteen in total) and teacher of music. He was born in Ghana, West Africa and was a teenage star earning the title 'The African James Brown'.

While living in Denmark, Afro created his dynamic band "Moses O' Jah" – meaning Moses fire! International awards started rolling in from best song, best album to best live act and Afro Moses was also twice voted as Ghana's best international music ambassador for 2000 and 2002. In 2003 he was involved in the composition and performance of music on the short film "Inja" which was a nominee at the Academy Awards.

THE PERFORMANCE

Africa Alive is a powerful introduction to the music and culture of Africa. Students will be riveted by the performance of the dynamic multi-instrumentalist, Afro Moses (aka Akwesi), and they will also taste the culture for themselves when Afro invites them to participate, teaching them chants, dance steps, and drum rhythms. Interspersed with stories from and recent footage of his West African village, the show also gives a great insight into contemporary life in Africa.

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| DURATION: 45 minutes for Infants 50 minutes for Primary & High School | SUITABILITY: K-12 |
| PERFORMANCE COST Per Student <u>Primary & High</u> \$4.00* gst n/a | PERFORMANCE MINIMUM (125 STUDENTS) <u>Primary & High</u> Per Session \$500.00* gst n/a |