



NOW HIRING: DANCERS, MUSICIANS & TEACHING ARTISTS

SIREN – Protectors of the Rainforest, Inc.

Award-Winning African Ecological Arts Organization

Location: Brooklyn, New York / NYC Metropolitan Area

Opportunities: Paid performances, rehearsals, school residencies, workshops, and community engagements

Engagement: Project-based and part-time opportunities

Join a Dance Company with an Eco Heart!

SIREN – Protectors of the Rainforest, Inc., the award-winning African ecological arts organization and 2024 BAM DanceAfrica headliner, is seeking dynamic, culturally knowledgeable, and passionate **dancers, musicians, and teaching artists** to join our growing artistic community.

Rooted in African traditions and the experiences of the African Diaspora, SIREN brings together performance, education, environmental justice, and cultural preservation. Through dance, music, storytelling, and community engagement, we connect generations, celebrate African heritage, and inspire action to protect our planet.

We welcome accomplished artists as well as emerging performers with strong foundational training and a willingness to learn.

1. Professional Dancers

We are seeking versatile performers with experience in one or more African and African Diasporic dance traditions, including:

- Senegalese Sabar
- Nigerian Bata
- Guinean Kuku



- Congolese traditional and contemporary dance
- Cameroonian Bikutsi and other traditional dances
- Ivorian Zaouli
- Afro-Cuban and Afro-Haitian dance
- African American traditional and contemporary dance forms

Qualifications:

- Strong rhythm, musicality, stage presence, and movement retention.
- Ability to learn choreography and work collaboratively within an ensemble.
- Interest in the cultural and historical contexts of African dance.
- Singing, acting, storytelling, and acrobatic skills are a plus.
- Availability for rehearsals, performances, and occasional community engagements.

2. Musicians & Percussionists

We seek musicians proficient in African traditional instruments, particularly percussionists experienced in accompanying live dance.

Desired experience includes:

- Djembe, dunun, sabar, talking drums, bata, and other African percussion traditions.
- Knowledge of traditional African rhythms and their cultural significance.
- Ability to accompany dance rehearsals, performances, and educational workshops.
- Improvisation, ensemble collaboration, and musical arrangement.

Vocalists and multi-instrumentalists with African traditional music experience are encouraged to apply.

3. Teaching Artists

SIREN seeks experienced teaching artists to deliver culturally responsive African dance, music, and interdisciplinary arts education in NYC public schools, community centers, and intergenerational settings.

Responsibilities include:

- Facilitate engaging dance and cultural education workshops.
- Develop age-appropriate lesson plans aligned with educational objectives.



- Teach the historical and cultural significance of African dance and music.
- Integrate cultural preservation, environmental awareness, and community identity into artistic instruction.
- Support student choreography, rehearsals, and culminating performances.
- Participate in program evaluations and required documentation.

Preferred qualifications:

- Professional training in African or African Diasporic dance or music.
- Prior experience working with children, youth, or older adults.
- Strong classroom management and communication skills.
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively.
- Willingness to complete required school-based background clearances and screenings.

Compensation

SIREN offers paid artistic engagements, subject to project funding and confirmed assignments.

- **Rehearsals and workshops:** \$35 per hour
- **Performances:** Starting at \$150 per show
- **Teaching artist assignments:** Compensation determined by the specific residency or contract

Rates and engagement terms will be confirmed before work begins.

How to Apply

Interested applicants should email info@sirenprotect.org with the subject line:

ARTIST APPLICATION – [Dancer / Musician / Teaching Artist]

Please include:

1. Current artistic résumé or biography.
2. Headshot or recent professional photograph.
3. Performance reel or video demonstrating your work.
4. Description of your artistic training and cultural specialties.
5. Current availability for rehearsals, performances, or teaching assignments.
6. Teaching experience and sample lesson plan, if applying as a teaching artist.



Selected applicants may be invited to an audition, interview, or teaching demonstration.

Applications: Rolling consideration

SIREN – Protectors of the Rainforest, Inc. is an equal opportunity organization. We welcome artists of all backgrounds who demonstrate respect for African cultural traditions and share our commitment to artistic excellence, education, cultural preservation, and environmental stewardship.

Dance. Culture. Conservation.

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