

Shekere Beats



Jonas
Tandoh



What schools have said: Excellent performance. Fun engaging ways to learn about different cultures. Very talented had a great rapport with students.

Steven Faltone. K – Year 6. Lake Wyangan Public School. NSW.

Very engaging, professional, organised, funny and interactive. Students, staff and families that attended absolutely loved the performance.

Peter Jordan. P – Year 6. Lowmead State School. QLD.

Excellent, engaging and entertaining. All the students thoroughly enjoyed the show.

Jillian Colley. P – Year 10. Goroce P-12 College, VIC.



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Get students up and beating out their own African Rhythms.

Shekere “pronounced She-Ka-Re” is an African percussion instrument made from the dried fruit of the gourd vine and covered with a decorative band of beads. Sound is produced by twisting the gourd in your hand or shaking the entire instrument.

Shekere Beats samples various African rhythms (predominantly 6/8 time) and to each different beat Jonas adds vocals to produce the completed song. Numerous songs are produced in this way and African links are shown to many well known popular modern songs. While watching and listening is always fun there is nothing quite like joining in, and Jonas has many instruments and offers opportunities for your students to demonstrate their musical prowess. With Jonas’ quirky African style, numerous drums and percussion instruments, guitar and a uniquely African wood and seed-pod xylophone, Shekere Beats is both a great exploration into the world of live music and a wonderful glimpse into another culture.

Jonas speaks four different languages and has students repeating the African word for each instrument and prop he uses. Through the telling of childhood stories and stories of his life in Ghana, students gain an understanding of African culture.



Curriculum Relevance. Music: Organising Sounds, Listening, Performing, Meter & Rhythm. **HSIE, LOTE, SOSE:** Cultures, Identities, Languages, Traditions, Linguistics, Cultural Influence, Diversity, Perceptions, Understanding.

Cost: \$5.50 per student (GST incl.).

Suitable: K, Preps to Year 12.

Mini Audience Size: 130 students.

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Requires an indoor performance area 4m deep x 5m wide.

Times: Show: 50 minutes. Set up: 20 minutes. Pack up: 20 minutes.

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