

MAMA KADIATOU'S HOMECOMING TRIP

TO

THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA!

"Returning Home After 22 Years"

November 4th thru December 2th, 2006



KADIATOU CONTE-FORTE

As a young girl born in Conakry Guinea, West Africa, Kadiatou Conte loved to dance and sing. In 1970 she was selected to join Les Ballet Africains, the national dance company of Guinea.

She traveled and performed around the world.

As she performed she fell in love with the people of the U.S. and hope to return one day to teach the culture of her country.

In 1985 Kadiatou returned to the U.S. and made her home in Washington, DC. to fulfill her dream.

Since then Kadiatou has become a major force in the African Arts Community, serving as a bridge between the Guinean and African American community. She has worked with many Schools and Universities as well as other premier African dance ensembles as, Melvin Deal African Heritage Dancers & Drummers,

Assane Conte and Kankoran,

Jali Djimo Kouyate and Memory of African Culture,

Wo'se and Andrew Cacho Drummers and Dancers,

The legendary women's group Sweet Honey in the Rock.

Kadiatou is currently the artistic director of The Balafon West African Dance Ensemble in Washington, DC and Umoja Dance Company in Pittsburg, PA.

She is the consummate teacher and motivator believing that dance makes one stronger physically and mentally and is a source of healing and balance in one's life.

Her belief in God and prayer has allowed her to touch the lives of many people of all nationalities and walks of life!



*This program is for
All Dance Levels*



Not since 1985 has Kadiatou been to her home in Conakry, Guinea

Over 20 years!

Kadiatou is looking forward to providing

Good Dancing and Drumming,

Good Food,

Good Fun

and a

"HOT MAMA!"

This will be an Authentic and Amazing West African Homecoming.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!

*Most recently received the Metro DC Dance Award for
Excellence in Costume Design 2005 at The Kennedy Center*