



African Drumming
Artist: Laura Rich



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About the Artist:

Laura Rich (instructor, artist-in-residence) is an accomplished drummer who has studied with the world’s foremost percussionists in the USA, Europe and Africa. Ms. Rich has toured internationally and performed as well as recorded for artists in Los Angeles, Atlanta and Nashville. She teaches drumming, conducts workshops, lectures and leads community drum circles throughout the United States.

Residency Description:

Within West African society the drum holds a position of honor and importance at all social and celebratory events. West African people have a song or dance for almost every aspect of daily existence. Many of these dances are hundreds of years old and are still performed precisely as they were by the tribal ancestors.

During a residency students will be introduced to the *djembe* drum and the culture from which it emerges. Through the rhythms taught students will learn the fundamentals of drumming and how rhythms are used in West African society. Students will showcase what they have learned in a final student performance. Drums will be provided.

Performance Fee:

Price	Regular Presentations
\$150	Full day workshop
\$500	Week long residency
\$1000	Two week residency
\$2000 per month	Extended residency
\$150	Teacher in-service training (two hours)