

✿ African Culture Connection

Organizational Highlights



Mission:

- To provide African culture and art experiences to educators, children and the general public in Nebraska and Iowa.

2010 Accomplishments:

- **The Africa Project:** Partnering with the Omaha Performing Arts, African Culture Connection artists conducted dance, drumming and craft residencies for over 600 OPS students.
- **Second Annual Performance:** More than 1,000 people attended The Yam Festival which was held in May. Professional artists traveled from New York City, New Orleans, and France to join local artists residencies and performances.
- **Additional Performances:** Our artists performed at many local schools and community events reaching over 5,000 people.
- **Residencies:** More than 3,000 youth learned traditional dances and played several rhythms on traditional African drums as well as created African jewelry, games and Adinkra cloth.

Primary Donors:

- Iowa West Foundation
- Nebraska Arts Council
- The Sherwood Foundation
- Omaha Community Foundation's African American Unity Fund

Schools & Organizations Served:

- Boys & Girls Club of Council Bluffs
- Children's Square U.S.A of Council Bluffs
- Community Education Foundation of Council Bluffs
- Council Bluffs Community Schools: Gunn & Roosevelt Elementary Schools
- Girls Inc. of Omaha
- Malcolm X Foundation
- Middle School Learning Center Initiative
- Omaha Performing Arts
- Omaha Public Schools: Skinner Magnet Center, Druid Hill Elementary, Beveridge Magnet Middle School, Morton Middle School, Lewis & Clark Middle School, Marris Magnet Middle School, King Science Middle School, Norris Middle School, McMillan Middle School, Monroe Middle School, Indian Hill Elementary, Florence Elementary & Kellom Elementary
- Solomon Girls Center/Heartland
- UNO's The Moving Company

Annual Operating Budget: \$199,180

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