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Dance Africa, a diverse University of Oregon Department of Dance company, consists of dancers, drummers and singers who share a love and knowledge of African dance tradition with the surrounding on- and off-campus communities.

## Dance Africa Winter Concert

The University of Oregon will present the annual Dance Africa winter concert on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Jan. 23-25, at 8 p.m. in the Dougherty Dance Theatre in Gerlinger Annex on the UO campus, offering Willamette Valley dance enthusiasts a unique opportunity to explore multiple cultures of Africa through their traditional dances.

Concert tickets cost \$10 for general admission and \$5 for student and seniors, and are available in advance from the UO Ticket Office, 541-346-4363. Tickets may be avail-

able at the door except in the case of a sold out performance.

The 2014 concert, which will utilize over 20 dancers and drummers, will also rely heavily on the talents of new UO faculty member Habib Iddrisu, who has created a new work for the company. Iddrisu, a traditionally trained dancer, musician, and historian from Northern Ghana, was born into a family of court historians and musicians of the Dagbamba/Dagomba people.

The event will also incorporate dances from distinct cultural groups throughout Africa, including the

Tonga and Chewa peoples of Malawi, the Mande people of West Africa, and the Bassar people of central Togo.

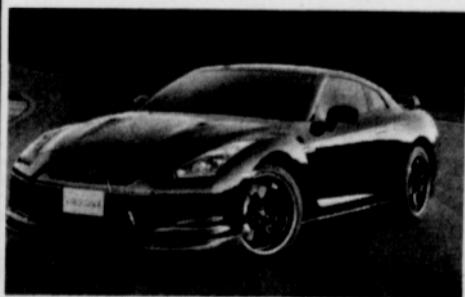
Highlights will include "Gandza," a dance of the Mbgaka people of the Central African Republic, which is danced by eight-year-old boys before they go off to traditional school for four years to become men; and "Sosoner," choreographed by company director Honka, which is traditionally danced in full moonlight by young girls of the Baga culture of Guinea out of respect for their mothers.

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