

# African Groove

## Drumming Workshops with Abli

Abli's high octane African drumming workshops are a hands on, fun-filled interactive experience. He brings along enough instruments for up to 120 students at a time!

As the students walk in, they see the Djembes, Talking Drums and Kaplongos, Kiss Kass, Bells and Juju Shakers – all waiting for them on their seats.

Abli begins with a spectacular drumming display, followed by an introduction to the instruments. And then the fun begins! With instruments in hand, all students are empowered and experience the joy of making music, the excitement of African rhythms. Working together as a team, they gain a sense of mastery over their instruments.

Starting with basic techniques and simple beats, Abli gradually leads the students to more complex, layered rhythms and includes traditional African call and response songs. He coordinates the different sections of students playing different parts, to come together in a fun, harmonized unity, and ends the show with the audience up and moving to an African Groove.

### The Performer:

Abli comes from a talented family of drummers, dancers and musicians. He became an apprentice to his Master Drummer at the age of 11 and continues to keep alive the traditional West African rhythms whilst they flow and blend with exciting dances and contemporary creations.

Abli's home is Nungua, Ghana, where he has been a member of many local groups – the dynamic energy Abli brings to every performance had him in high demand. He joined Wassia African Ensemble and toured Cote de Ivoire in West Africa, as well as France and Italy where they featured at festivals in Catania and Canicatti.

During his extensive career as a musician, Abli has also been a member of groups Kente, Opense, Adinkra and currently Wala from his home town of Nungua; touring to the West African countries of Togo, Benin and Burkina Faso, and across Australia.

Abli may be accompanied by another drummer.



### Curriculum Links:

Music, Drama, P.E., Geography, History, HISE, Cultural Diversity, Team Building, Confidence

**Suitability: Kindergarten to Year 12**      **Duration: 50 – 60 minutes**  
**Schools: \$6.00 per student +GST**      **Minimum \$600.00 +GST for under 100 students**  
**Kindergartens: \$390.00 +GST for up to 40 students or \$10.00 per student +GST for more**



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# Feedback

## for Drumming Workshops with Abli

OH. MY. GOD. We LOVED him!

I had teachers come up to me afterwards and say, "Two thumbs up!" "Five stars!" "We MUST have him back!"

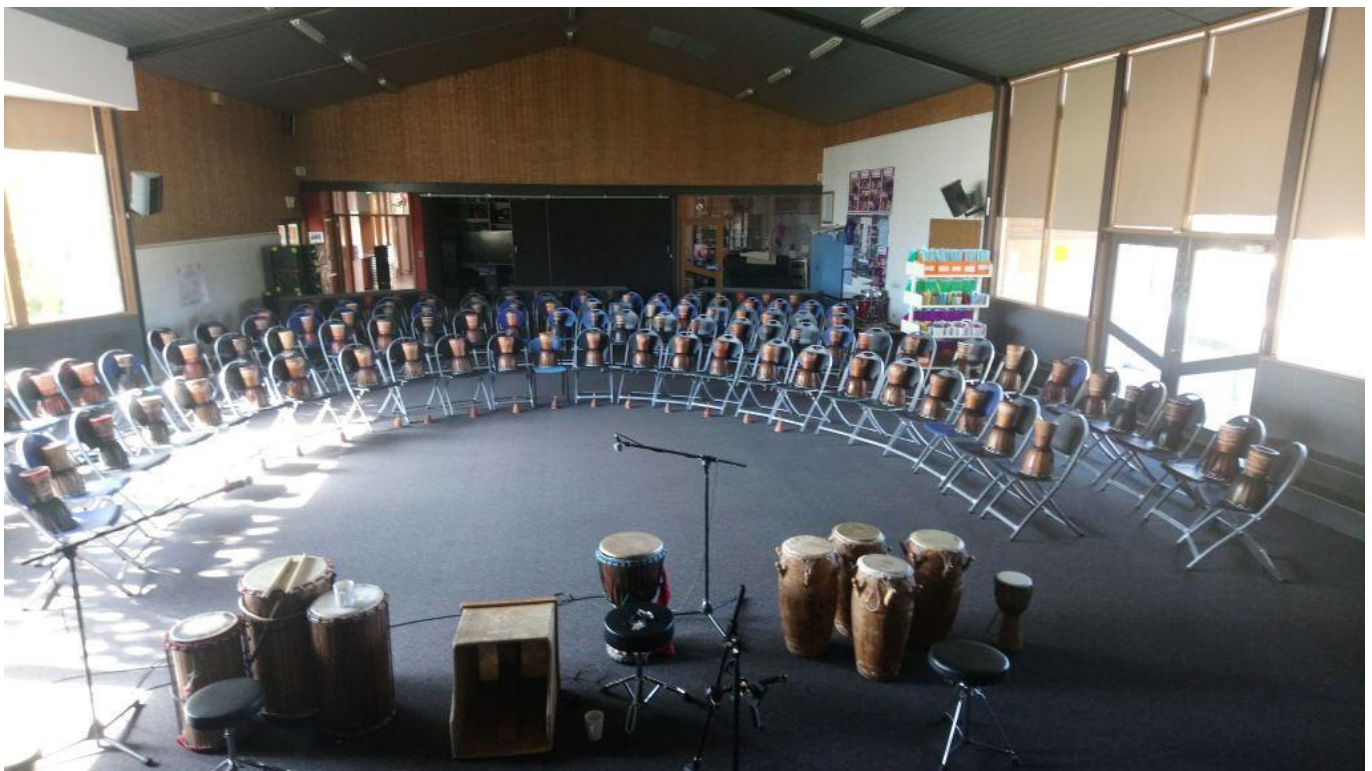
The kids were mesmerised! They were all "watching with their hands", all drumming along... then they all just instinctively started singing and it was so beautiful, I had tears in my eyes...

I can't rave about it enough!

Honestly I've been doing this job for three years, and I don't think I've ever been to a show where literally everyone had an active part.

More like that, please!

- Stephanie Funcke, Central Wimmera Country Education Program, VIC



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