



My Orí Is Kótùbà Kótùṣẹ

Nomadic Performance

By

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Duration: 45 Minutes

The performance premises on Yoruba world view and philosophy of **Orí** (Head) as the definition and fulcrum of the entire human body, its energy and functionalities. It adopts Yoruba ritual makings, drumming and chanting to increase the audience inner sensitivity of our humanitarian concerns on the recent crisis in the world: the “forced displacement and famine risk “in Palestine, the “danger and infrastructural destruction” in Ukraine, the “disasters and displacement crises” in Africa and other worrisome issues of shortage of food and energy; and higher inflation in all our continents.

It will integrates the energy of **Olóde** (the guardian of outer space) and **Adelé** (the guardian of inner space); and the power of sacred spoken word, **Iyèrè Ifá** (Yoruba tonal poetry divination chants) with Yoruba rituals actions of healing and alignment of energies. It consists of sacred sound making and walking of archetype image of healing agent and three **Babaláwo** (Yoruba Diviners); and creating of marks on heap of salt in the gallery or enclosed space.

The performance tour will take place in Paris (France), Venice (Italy), Munich (Germany); and Lanzarote (Spain). It would enable audience in Europe to once again engage with the artist's performance, which has been described as "combining Yoruba traditional art forms with international performance practice; for... thought-provoking performances that challenge assumptions and stimulate dialogue in an unconventional and dynamic form of community education; for taking personal and artistic risks in order to open new possibilities and reach wider audiences..."

The Schedule:

- i. **July 6, 2024** - Paris, France at Cite Internationale, Universitaire De Paris.
- ii. **July 10, 2024** - Venice, Italy at European Cultural Centre, Palazzo Mora, Strada Nuova #3659, 30121 Venezia.
- iii. **July 13, 2024** - Munich, Germany: July 13 at Kreativlabor Festival, Kreativquartier.
- iv. July 21, 2024 Lanzarote, Spain at YORÙBÁFEST, Carpa Municipal, Teguisse, Lanzarote.