

DJELIYAH BAND

Orchestrated by the multi-talented Djeli Aboubacar “Boka” Kouyaté from Guinea in West Africa, The Djeliah Band began February 2015 in Seattle, Washington.

The name Djeliah means; the work of the Djeli people in the community. Djeli’s or Griots have always been next to the Kings in the Mande Empire as Cultural Educators, the traditional historians, artist and musicians of Culture. Boka connects this rich traditional music to Global music; a harmonic fusion between the traditional Griot music, the afro beat and the modern Guinea music which provides a highlife sound for your listening and dancing pleasure. The band has played at the Nectar Lounge, Rumba Notes Lounge, Festival Sundiata, Columbia City Theatre, The Triple Door, and during The Movie showcase for “ROOTS”.

Djeliah Band members:

Aboubacar Kouyaté: Lead Vocals, Djembé Drum Balaphon and, Guitar.

Ricardo Guity: Drum Percussions, Vocals

Leif Totusek: Solo Guitarist

Masa Kobayashi: Bass Guitar

Afua Kouyaté: Dancer, Management/ Bookings

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