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Boka Kouyaté's Balato Fabou

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Kouyate Arts Presents  
HEADLINE: Boka Kouyaté's CD  
Release Dedicace, "Balato Fabou"

Kouyate Arts is a subsidiary of Adefua Cultural Education Workshop. Join us in celebrating the new CD Release of our Musical Director, Boka Kouyate

Boka is a Djely (Traditional Storyteller) and was born into a dual Djely tradition from Guinea, West Africa. He is the son of Djely Nounke Kouyate who was a guitarist, ballaphonist and a traditional storyteller. His mother Djely Djéne Dioubate is also a popular singer and dancer in Guinea. As a child, everyday travelling from ceremony to ceremony, he was strapped to his mother's back learning to sing traditional songs as his first education. His father was his first professor of music and oral traditions. As a young Djely in tradition, he became a student of Science and completed his Microbiology degree from the University of Kankan in 2010. In 2008, gaining citywide recognition as the General Director of the national performance company called Gnankoumandouwa who preserves their Ancestral path. With his voice and Djembe drum, Boka toured through West Africa with many famous artists. Moving to the United States in early 2014, Multi-talented Djely Boka Kouyate founded The Djelijah Band, which is based in Seattle, as the Lead vocalist, composer, guitarist, djembe and ballaphonist. The Djelijah band creatively connects a fusion of Traditional Djely music to world music. He teaches and composes his original music, as well as traditional Djembe, Ballaphone rhythms, and songs from Guinea, West Africa.

This amazing CD, Balato Fabou is named after his famous Grandfather, Djely Fabou. Please join us for a night to remember. And to top off the night, everyone walks away with the new CD, Balato Fabou. This event will start on time and local and national performing masters of culture will entertain you. It's kid friendly and feel happy to dress up if you like!

**Event information:**

Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018. Doors open 7:30pm. Entertainment begins at 8:00pm.

Location: New Holly Gathering Hall, 7054 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98118.

Purchase tickets online at: <https://boka.bpt.me>

Groups and families are encouraged to join us. We're also seeking donations to our 501(c) (3), the funds raised will be utilized to sponsor, in part, ongoing weekly class scholarships for youth and families. Your support will aide to extend community networking for youth, families and schools. We're committed to sharing cross-cultural experiences. We're also seeking new board members and volunteers! Inquire at our Adefua event Table. [www.kouyatearts.com](http://www.kouyatearts.com)  
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