

National Dance Company of Senegal to perform; sponsored by the University Events Office

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THE NATIONAL DANCE COMPANY OF SENEGAL TO PERFORM AT UCSD ON NOV. 14

The National Dance Company of Senegal--40 dancers, singers and musicians from one of Africa's oldest cultures--will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, in the University of California, San Diego Mandeville Auditorium.

This group "...goes beyond excitement," according to the Washington Post. Their dervish rhythms and spectacular display of native costumes describe in sound and motion the rich fabric of their culture.

Drums sound out relentless rhythms which become increasingly complex as tempos change and excitement builds. Singers join musicians in hypnotic chants, with haunting melodies played on traditional Senegalese instruments such as the balafon, a marimba-like keyboard, and the cora, a 21-string melodic harp made from a giant gourd.

Each dance is the portrayal of an ancient Senegalese ritual or legend, collected and arranged for the company by its director, Maurice S. Senghor. The result is a captivating show of color, sound and movement.

Tickets for this event are available from the UCSD Box Office (534-4559) and from TicketMaster outlets. General admission is \$15, seniors, \$13, and students, \$10. This event is brought to San Diego by the University Events Office.

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