

**MOTHER AFRICA**  
**African Women and the Arts**  
**Symposium and Aza Concert**  
**Ohio University, April 30-May 2, 2009**

**Program**

**Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> Baker Center Theater**

- 8:00-9:00am** Coffee and Registration
- 9:00-9:15am** Greetings and pouring of libation by George Amagnoh, Ohio University
- 9:15-9:20am** Musical Interlude on Kora by Estelle Lavoie
- 9:20-9:30am** Welcome by Chuck McWeeny, Dean, College of Fine Arts, Ohio University
- 9:30-10:30am** **Session 1: African Women and Theater**
- Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka (The University of Kansa)  
*A Walk Across Stage: Considering Theater (s) in Africa*
- 10:30-10:45am** Coffee Break
- 10:45-11:45am** **Session 2: African Women and Visual Arts**
- Modou Dieng (Pacific Northwest College of Art)  
*Afropolitan Factory: Curating Contemporary Africa*
- 11:45 – 1:30pm** Lunch
- 1:30-2:30pm** **Session 3: African Women and Dance**
- Kariamuwelsh (Temple University)  
*African Dance in the Diaspora: Artistic Legacy and Aesthetic Heritage*
- 2:30-3:30pm** **Session 4: African Women, Music and Interdisciplinary Arts**
- Daniel Avorgbedor (Ohio State University)  
*Radical or Rational Traditions? A Reconsideration of the Role of Women in African Performing Arts*
- 3:30-3:45pm** Coffee Break

**3:45-4:45**                    **Session 5: African Women and Theater**  
  
Esiaba Irobi (Ohio University)  
*I Am The Woodpecker That Terrifies The Trees: Female Masquerade/Performance Traditions in Africa versus Patriarchy*

**4:45 –5:45**                    **Session 6: Open Forum**

**5:45–7:00**                    Dinner

**7:00-9:00pm**                **Film and Panel Discussion by Keynote Speakers**  
***Movement (R)evolution Africa: A story of an Art Form in Four Acts*** by Joan Frosch (Producer/Director)  
Moderator: Esiaba Irobi (Ohio University)

### **Friday May 1, 2009 Meet the Keynote Speakers**

9:00am-12:00pm          Daniel Avorgbedor  
Special Workshop/Lecture Demonstration  
Ewe and Akan Kente (Narrow Strip Horizontal Loom) Weaving,  
*Grover Atrium*

12:00-1:00pm              Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka  
*Elizabeth Evans Baker Theater in Kantner Hall, School of Theater*

12:00-1:00pm              Estelle Lavoie  
*Room 494, Glidden Hall, School of Music*

01:00-2:00pm              Modou Dieng  
*Yamada House Seminar Room, African Studies Program*

03:00-4:00pm              Kariamuwelsh  
*Shirley Wimmer Dance Theatre, School of Dance*

**7:30-9:30pm**                **Aza Concert**  
African Music and Dance Festival Dedicated to All Women  
*Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium*

### **Saturday May 2, 2009 Drumming and Dance Workshops**

9:00 -10:30am              Drumming Workshop: Paschal Yao Younge, (Ohio University)  
*Shirley Wimmer Dance Theatre, School of Dance*

10:30-12:200pm            Dance Workshop: Zelma Badu-Younge, (Ohio University)  
*Shirley Wimmer Dance Theatre, School of Dance*