

ADANFO ENSEMBLE

"We hosted the Adanfo Ensemble at the California WorldFest this year. Nice folks, quality show, great energy, and they got the whole place jumping! The WorldFest crowd had a ball."

- Dan DeWayne - Director



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The Adanfo Ensemble is an extraordinary ensemble of musicians and dancers from Ghana, West Africa. Founded by **David Etse Nyadedzor** who was born and raised in Ghana where he played with many local African groups as a young man. Etse was invited to the United States to share his knowledge and his culture. He was the first Director and Choreographer of West African and Dance Ensemble at Syracuse University. He has worked in numerous colleges in the New York area. **Etse** also performed in the National Theater with the Dance Factory who went onto perform in Zimbabwe and other parts of Africa. His life's work is *"Bridging Cultures Through Music."* **Adanfo Ensemble** also includes past members of the National Ballet, The Pan African Orchestra and members from Kusun Ensemble.

The word *"Adanfo"* means *"friends and family"*. **Adanfo Ensemble** is made up of highly experienced and talented dancers and musicians. The group started performing together on the East Coast in 2003 and primarily focused on that part of the country.

In July 2010 they were asked to replace another group from Africa and made their first West Coast appearances. They performed for Festivals, Concert Series, Theaters, and Summer School programs. The tour was so successful that they were signed by the same agency that booked the tour.

The Adanfo Ensemble is available for Festivals, Concerts, School Programs, Residency Programs, Workshops and will continue *"Bridging Cultures Through Music."*

