Kankouran - Programs

School Programs - For the kindergarten through high school audience, school programs expose students to African culture by introducing the associated history and terminology of the selected dance and music repertoire to be presented, and the techniques of traditional African dance and music via a choreographed performance.

Community Classes - KanKouran offers classes for children, teens and adults in the authentic dance and drumming styles of select West African cultural groups. An aerobic activity, dance classes include a warm-up and breakdown of dance steps, followed by choreographed routines. Drum classes teach polyrhythmic concepts of African drumming and choreographed orchestral techniques to accompany the dance movements.

International Educational and Cultural Exchange Programs - KanKouran sponsors trips to Senegal, West Africa for middle school, high school, and college students, company performers, and community class members. These exchange programs provide an opportunity for these groups to participate in dance and drum workshops, perform for the host organizations, and learn about Senegalese culture while exposing the Senegalese society to aspects of their American lifestyle.

Projects for Special Interest Groups - The Company has an interest in working with special populations and has developed creative projects for the hearing-impaired, physically-challenged, elderly, and local inmate populations. Dance therapy for the elderly and drum therapy for the physically-challenged are among the many special programs offered to the community.

Residencies - KanKouran accepts professional dancers and drummers in its residency program, where artist from across the country have the opportunity to study and perfect their artistic skills in traditional African dance or drumming in conjunction with KanKouran's Artistic Director and Director of Music.