

***Triba!* World Percussion, Music & Entertainment**

Co-founded and Co-Directed by Executive Producer, Nicole D. Ford, and Music Director, Angelo L. Stokes, *Triba!*, is a versatile collective of professional drummers, musicians, dancers, acrobats and entertainers who perform song, dance, drum and acrobatics from many sections and cultures of Africa. Headquartered in Las Vegas, Nevada, the ensemble includes musicians and entertainers from the United States, Ivory Coast, Gabon, Senegal, Kenya, Nigeria, Mali, Guinea, Zimbabwe as well as other countries throughout the diaspora. Members of the ensemble have performed at prominent and prestigious events including performing for and honoring leaders of countries, politicians, celebrities, business and community leaders while dedicating and volunteering their time sharing African culture through educational programs. *Triba!* is a flexible troupe that is able to conform to acts from 2 to over 50 performers. Their exceptional music direction and choreography coupled with business and corporate experience, gives them the ability to accommodate any specific event while sharing their love and appreciation of African and other world cultures.

About *Triba!* World Percussion, Music & Entertainment's Founders

Triba! World Percussion, Music & Entertainment was founded and is co-directed by Nicole D. Ford and Angelo L. Stokes.

Executive Producer and Drummer: Nicole D. Ford holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the Haas School of Business at the University of California at Berkeley.

Nicole has had an extensive career in corporate America working for and with well renowned companies such as Price Waterhouse, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Universal Pictures, Sony Pictures, Resources Global Professionals, and Diamond Resorts International. Nicole also served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Windswept Holdings LLC (formerly Windswept Pacific Entertainment) the world's #1 independent music publishing company headquartered in Beverly Hills, California and subsidiary of the #1 television network in Japan, Fuji Television Network. She was also responsible for managing the day to day finances and financial statement reporting for Hitco Music Publishing a joint venture with Antonio "L.A." Reid currently Chairman and CEO of Epic Records and formerly of LaFace/Arista Records, Island Def Jam and Simon Cowell's The X Factor (judge).

In addition to being a percussionist/entertainer, for the last several years, Nicole has worked freelance jobs on the administrative, marketing and meeting-planning side of some of the largest and most prestigious conventions, corporate functions and private events such as MAGIC, National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), JCK, SEMA, Autodesk University, CISCO Live, Dreamforce, G2E Gaming Expo, IBM IOD Global Conference, CES, MRkt/Moda/Stitch Accessories Show, Licensing Expo, World Market, SHOT Show, Oracle Modern Marketing, etc. For the last several years, Nicole has also dedicated her studies to world percussion, performing throughout Las Vegas with the city's top musicians. She has performed at numerous private and corporate events culminating in her recent performance on the Discovery Channel television show, Global Beauty Masters. For more about Nicole visit www.nicoledford.com

Music Director and Drummer: Angelo L. Stokes is a professional drummer and percussionist. He is a former member of the United States Air Force Band of the West and is currently an honors graduate student in the Jazz Studies program at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Angelo most recently performed in Cirque Du Soleil's One Night for One Drop at the Smith Center.

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