

# Afrobeat Workbook, Vol. 1

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## Talking Drum, Dundun, Afrobeat and Afro Funk Rhythms for the Drum Kit

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*The Afrobeat Workbook* is a collection of exercises inspired by Afrobeat music. This book dually serves as an introduction to west African music, and its application to established drum set technique. These patterns have been transcribed by ear over the course of many years. Every exercise is open for interpretation; accent architecture, instrument substitution, cymbal choice, tempo, and dynamics. My hope is that this book will serve to expand your drumming horizons!

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## LISTENING REFERENCES

<i>Abayomy Afrobeat Orchestra</i>	<i>Kokolo Afrobeat</i>
<i>Afrika 70</i>	<i>Kokoroko</i>
<i>Afrodizzle</i>	<i>Konkolo Orchestra</i>
<i>The Afromotive</i>	<i>Lagos Thugs Afrobeat</i>
<i>The Afrorockers</i>	<i>Les Freres Smith</i>
<i>Akoya Afrobeat</i>	<i>Living Language Afrobeat</i>
<i>Albino!</i>	<i>The Macrotones</i>
<i>Alfa Sackey</i>	<i>Mamady Keita</i>
<i>Alma Afrobeat Ensemble</i>	<i>Manu Dibango</i>
<i>Amaya</i>	<i>Michael Veal &amp; Aqua Ife</i>
<i>The Anthronauts</i>	<i>Mitchum Yacoub</i>
<i>Antibalas Afrobeat Orchestra</i>	<i>Ododo Afrobeat</i>
<i>Armo Afrobeat</i>	<i>Oghene kologbo</i>
<i>Asiko Afrobeat</i>	<i>Ogun Afrobeat</i>
<i>Ayerto</i>	<i>Olufemi Koya</i>
<i>Carapaus Orkestra</i>	<i>Orlando Julius</i>
<i>Chicago Afrobeat Project</i>	<i>Papa Groove</i>
<i>Dele Sosimi</i>	<i>Peter Solo</i>
<i>Ebo Taylor</i>	<i>Public Opinion Afrobeat Orchestra</i>
<i>Egypt 80</i>	<i>Raul Monsalve</i>
<i>Eko Afrobeat</i>	<i>Rhythm Funk Masters</i>
<i>EMEFE</i>	<i>Seun Kuti</i>
<i>Eparapo</i>	<i>Shaolin Afronauts</i>
<i>Ethioda</i>	<i>Sir Jean &amp; the NMB Afrobeat Experience</i>
<i>Fanga</i>	<i>Super Djata Band</i>
<i>Fela Kuti</i>	<i>Super Yamba Band</i>
<i>FELA! Original Cast</i>	<i>T.P. Orchestra Polyrhythmo</i>
<i>Femi Kuti</i>	<i>TamTam Afrobeat</i>
<i>Frankosun and The Family</i>	<i>Togo All Stars</i>
<i>Henry Cole</i>	<i>Tony Allen</i>
<i>Jarribu Afrobeat</i>	<i>Vadou Game</i>
<i>Jemba Groove</i>	<i>Yaba Funk</i>
<i>Jimmy Tenor</i>	<i>Ze Bigode Orquestra</i>
<i>Jungle Fire</i>	<i>Zozo Afrobeat</i>
<i>Kelenkye Band</i>	

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