

AFUMA

Togolese stilt-men



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AFUMA is an african fern that grows and sticks to trees without falling down. this fern is like these men on stilts who never fall down.

AFUMA is a group of three togolese warriors trained in the ancestral techniques and traditions but influenced by contemporary circus. Walking on stilts, 5m above the ground and accompanied by drums, the togolese stilt-men have travelled the length of africa with their stunning tricks.



**AYENA ADEBAYO
OLADE, AKA ORARA**



**AROUKA KODJO LUC,
AKA LUCRA**



**AROUKA KOSSIVI BLAISE,
AKA BLAIZO**



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These three artists are from the high-plateaux region, the birthplace of the traditions of stilt-men who walk on stilts from their childhood. They belong to great stilt-men dynasties and have been trained by masters of the Ayena family.

Togolese stilts is a speciality from the Atakpame region. In this region, flexible but strong trees are growing, suitable to make perfect traditional stilts **up to 5m high**.

The stilt-men, also known as «the tall men» or «woody legs» have to honour the tradition and perform precise and symbolic figures related to ancestral rites and celebrations.

VIDEOS (click on the images)



TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

REPRÉSENTATION :

1 stationary performance (40 minutes) + 1 parade a day.

OU 2 parades a day

They need 3 hours between each representation.

LOCATION :

For the stationary performance, provide 6 meters large location, on a unslippery floor (no floor tile) .

For a night show, provide full lighting, not from below.

For the parade, choose a path with an appropriate floor and lights if needed.

Provide a high spot to put the stilts on (ladder, balcony, truck, etc..) and a place to stock the stilts (4m long) and the drums.

NO TECHNICAL REQUIREMENT.

DRESSING ROOM :

A room for 5 persons with 2 or 3 mirrors, snacks and water.



2018 TOUR

- 10-11-12 may : La Réunion - LeuTempo Festival
- 19-20 may : Dole
- 26 may : Givors
- 2-3 june : Nanterre – Parades
- 8 june : Italie – Brescia
- 21-24 june : Italie – S. Giovanni Marignano
- 28-29 june : Italie – Montegranaro
- 30 june : Italie - fontanellato
- 7-8 july : Belgique - LaSemo Festival
- 13 july : Saint-Étienne
- 21-22 july : Lodève - Résurgences Festival
- 4-5 august : Belgique - Esperanzah Festival
- 1st august : Drome - Rock on the l'oule

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