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Papa Diarra Zumana is from the Bobo people of Burkina Faso and is a descendant of a long line of African Griots. Prior to moving to the United States, he was the principal djembe and balafon (African Xylophone) player in Ballet Djolem and Lakimado, world renowned Ivory Coast drum and dance companies. With both companies, he toured Europe, South America and West Africa and received many awards including the first rank of the competition of dances at the 3rd Francophonie Olympics in Madagascar, Le Prix de le Meilleure Troupe and Le Prix de Festival National de la Creativite. Since moving to the states in 1999, Papa has enjoyed teaching residencies with Columbia University and the Brooklyn Arts Council. He has also toured and performed with Sogbety and Vado Diomande, Feraba African Rhythm Tap Company, Fatien Ensemble, Hermano Vasquez Mexican Circus, Kotchegna Dance Company, and Gboze Drummers, to name a few. In addition, Papa spent 7 years performing at Disney World's Animal Kingdom as well as Universal Orlando Citiwalk. Papa moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 2014 and is currently performing at private parties and events, teaching, and composing music for a wide variety of African Drum and Dance Ensembles.

Notable Shows, Festivals, Performances & Company Affiliations

2016	Cirque Zuma Zuma
2016	Russell Simmons: Diamond Empowerment Fund Gala (Four Seasons Hotel)
2016	Triba! World Percussion, Music & Entertainment
2015-2016	Rock Da Party Crew
2015	Azure Luxury Summer Pool Party (Palazzo Hotel)
2015-2016	Las Vegas Company Dance Project
2014-2016	Baobab Stage Presents: Tribal Night
2014-2016	Olabisi African Dance & Drum Ensemble
2014-2015	Nabtry Cultural Dancers
2014-2015	Gilbert Elementary School African Drum & Dance Program
2014	Discovery Health & Fitness Presents: <i>Global Beauty Masters (Television)</i>
2013	Seattle World Rhythm Festival
2013	Sierra Nevada World Music Festival
2013	Troupe NJarama
2013	Group Khindia
2012-2013	Reggae on the River
2011-2012	Hermano Vasquez Mexican Circus
2009-2011	Gboze Drummers
2009	New Orleans Jazz Festival
2008	Lotus World Music & Arts Festival
2007	Painesville Party in the Park
2007	Sogbety Diomande's West African Celebration
2007	National Folk Festival
2006-2009	Sogbety Diomande's West African Drum & Dance Ensemble
2002-2005, 2012	Samfly (Samba) Diallo's Attoungblan Ivory Coast Dance Theatre
2001-2016	Seguenon Kone's Ivoire Spectacle
2001-2016	Fatien Ensemble
2001-2003	Universal Orlando Citiwalk
2000-2016	Vado Diomande's Kotchegna Dance Company
2000	Universal Studios Orlando – Jurassic Park
2000-2006	Disney World's Animal Kingdom
2000-2016	Feraba African Rhythm Tap, Columbia University & Brooklyn Arts Council
1999 & Prior	Compagnie Djolem Lakimado: Opening for Rolling Stones in Greece Le Prix de le Meilleure Troupe Le Prix de Festival National de la Creativite 3rd Francophonie Olympics in Madagascar