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## Oakland World Percussion Festival Brings the Beat for Northern California's Largest One-Day Percussion Event

**OAKLAND, CALIF. – August 19, 2014** – Oakland's diverse musical community will shine during the 3rd annual Oakland World Percussion Festival on **Saturday, September 27 from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. at East Bay Church**. The celebration, also Northern California's largest one-day percussion event, is a FREE public event highlighting the eclectic musical traditions from Guinea, Brazil, Korea, Japan, India, Cuba, Oakland, and beyond.

Attendees will experience free drum and dance performances showcasing the pulsating rhythms of the world. Enjoy international cuisine from diverse California food vendors, visit the International Marketplace for sustainable and organic world music and art, and bring the family to the Rhythm Kid Zone, including an all-inclusive Community Drum Circle led by top Bay Area drum facilitators.

Five-time Grammy-nominated percussionist [John Santos](#) will headline the celebration. The Oakland-based artist is recognized for leading Afro-Latin music in the world today, and has worked with musical greats including Dizzy Gillespie, Max Roach, Carlos Santana, and Chucho Valdes, among many others.

Those looking to go beyond the free offerings of the festival can sign up for individual workshops for \$20 in advance (\$25 day of), or for \$50, purchase the full-day pass for access to an unlimited amount of classes. Workshops include a hands-on Afro-Cuban BEMBE session with master percussionist Edgardo Cambon, West African rhythms from Guinea and Mali with expert Ben Isaacs, Haitian drumming with Jeff "Tanbou" Pierre, Brazilian funk for congas & djembe with Robert "Bobby" Wallace, Middle Eastern rhythms with Mary Ellen Donald, traditional Congolese drumming with Kiazi Malonga, and a demonstration of Latin American beats from Grammy-nominated John Santos.

Families and individuals of all ages are encouraged to join in the fun at this free celebration of music led by many of the greatest world-renowned percussionists of today. Mark your calendars: **Saturday, September 27 from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. at Oakland's East Bay Church (4130 Telegraph Avenue)**. For more information and to purchase workshop passes in advance, visit [TotalRhythm.com/OWPF](http://TotalRhythm.com/OWPF).

### About Total Rhythm

The Oakland World Music Festival is produced by Robert "Bobby" Wallace, established percussionist and founder of Total Rhythm music school. Total Rhythm offers a variety of drumming classes for students of all levels and interests, including four levels of hand drumming classes, Latin rhythms, traditional material from West African, Brazilian beats, workshops and Drum Camps around the world, and more. For more information, visit [TotalRhythm.com](http://TotalRhythm.com).

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