

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH:

UNIVERSAL AFRICAN DANCE AND DRUM ENSEMBLE



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.
JIM WISE THEATRE

The Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble will bring an exuberant performance to the NJIT campus for the first week of Black History Month on February 5. Their presentation will also reflect the purpose that Robert and Wanda Dickerson had in founding the ensemble some 30 years ago — to ground urban youth in the great artistic traditions of Africa as an avenue to fostering respect for their cultural heritage, for themselves as individuals, and for people of every background.

The Camden-based group has grown over the past three decades to be one of the largest in the United States performing traditional African songs, music and dance. The group engages members of their home city and other communities to give sensationally energetic performances across America and in other countries.

The Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble has been cited by scholars and historians for exceptional authenticity, reflective of having been taught by distinguished musicians and dancers from many parts of Africa. On February 5, members of the ensemble will also give brief cultural introductions to each part of the program.

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NJIT also welcomes students, faculty and staff from other Newark-area colleges.

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