

# Celebrate African Dance in Springfield

**Thursday - May 7, 2009 - 10:00 a.m.**

**OLD FIRST CHURCH, COURT SQUARE**

**PLEASE JOIN** the UMass Amherst/Greater Springfield Partnership, the Springfield Public School System and the Sankofa Dance Project for an African Dance event celebrating collaboration, community and the work of Springfield's Central High School dance students.

**Learn** about African Dance with MARILYN AND SEKOU SYLLA from the Bamidele Dancers and Drummers who worked WITH THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS in March.

**Start** your day with a little drums and dancing and celebrate with these exceptional SPRINGFIELD YOUTH!

**THE EVENT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION FOR ALL**



**This interactive program** will include songs of welcome and freedom, authentic costumes, and explanations of an assortment of traditional rhythm instruments and will invite continual participation by the audience as Marilyn and Sekou often bring students onstage to join them. Meet world renowned African Dance Master and 2009 Sankofa Master Artist, CHUCK DAVIS who will work with students from Zanetti Montessori Magnet School.

Find more information ABOUT THE ARTISTS at:  
**SANKOFAdanceproject.COM**

**RSVP** to [springfield@umass.edu](mailto:springfield@umass.edu)

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**Save The Date!**

Springfield/UMass Amherst Partnership Community Gathering on June 30th, 5-7pm at Old First Church