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## Musician, Entertainer & Performer

### **Company Affiliations**

➤ Vozolo Dance Company	2017-present	Management Team, Percussion
➤ Triba (World Culture & Entertainment)	2016-present	Founder, Percussion, Vocals
➤ Nabtry Cultural Dancers / Nabtry International	2014-2015	Percussion
➤ Baobab Stage Presents Tribal Night, Cabaret Night & Le Bellydance Revue	2013-2015	Percussion, Vocals, Violin
➤ Olabisi African Dance & Drum Ensemble	2009-2012, 2014-2015	Percussion, Vocals
➤ Facebook Chorale	2014	Vocals
➤ Farasha Desert Siren & The Dendera Ensemble	2014	Percussion, Vocals, Violin
➤ Mocidade Rebelde Brazilian Percussion Ensemble	2009-2012	Percussion
➤ Djembe West African Drum & Dance Ensemble	2012	Percussion, Vocals
➤ Weapons of Mass Percussion	2012	Percussion
➤ University of Nevada School of Medicine, Standardized Patient Program	2012	Actress
➤ Ifayomi Stanton-Las Vegas Contemporary Dance Theater	2011	Percussion
➤ African Arts Productions, Inc.	2011	Percussion
➤ The Rhythm Brothers (Afro-Cuban & Afro-Peruvian group)	2011	Percussion
➤ Montaggio Chamber Ensemble	2011	Violin
➤ More Cowbell Ensemble	2010-2011	Percussion, Vocals, Violin, Bass
➤ Latcho Drom Middle Eastern Band	2010-2011	Percussion
➤ UNLV Steel Band	2010	Steel Pans, Percussion
➤ Vocal Intervention & LNJ Trio	2010 & 2011	Vocals
➤ New Song Chorus	2009 & 2010	Vocals
➤ Gospel Music Workshop of America	2009-2010	Vocals
➤ Spirit of Joy Choir	2008-2010	Vocals
➤ CSN Orchestra	2009	Violin
➤ Desert Springs Arts Chamber Orchestra	2009	Violin
➤ GMWA Mass Choir, Cincinnati	2009	Vocals
➤ Bloomingdale House Chamber Ensemble	2008-2009	Violin

### **Performance Highlights**

➤ Russell Simmons' Diamond Empowerment Fund Gala (Four Seasons)	2016	Percussion
➤ Baobab Stage Presents: Tribal Night, Cabaret Night & Le Bellydance Revue	2013-2015	Percussion, Vocals, Violin
➤ Taste & Sounds of Soul (Fremont Street)	2012, 2015	Percussion
➤ Global Beauty Masters (Discovery Fit & Health Channel) Episode #101	2014	Percussion, Vocals
➤ Vegas PBS Television show "artScene" Episode #223	2014	Percussion
➤ Las Vegas Bellydance Intensive Pro Show	2014	Percussion, Violin, Vocals
➤ Unity In the Community Concert	2014	Percussion, Vocals
➤ NAACP 105 <sup>th</sup> National Convention (Mandalay Bay)	2014	Vocals
➤ Sushi Samba's Revillion New Year's Eve Celebration (Palazzo)	2013	Percussion
➤ Eva Longoria Presents Padres Contra El Cancer Gala (Tropicana)	2012	Percussion
➤ Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (Bellagio)	2012	Percussion, Vocals
➤ Black Box Theater Presents "Free Society"	2012	Percussion, Vocals
➤ Le Reve Master African Dance Class with Kaci Wilson Jackson (Wynn)	2012	Percussion
➤ Teamsters 28 <sup>th</sup> International Convention (Paris)	2011	Percussion
➤ Mortonette in Concert	2011	Percussion, Co-producer
➤ Ivan Neville's Dumpstafunk-opening act (Hard Rock Café)	2011	Percussion
➤ Gateway Foundation Presents: Carnaval feat. Zipporah Peddle ("O" by Cirque)	2011	Percussion
➤ Bishop Carlton Pearson, A Man with a Message	2011	Vocals
➤ Desert Companion On Tour with Kurt Rasmussen ("O" by Cirque)	2011	Percussion
➤ Clark County Democratic Black Caucus' Annual Kwanzaa Gala and Dinner	2011	Percussion
➤ 24 <sup>th</sup> Annual Golden Rainbow featuring Brandon Nix (currently with Rock of Ages)	2010	Vocals
➤ Michael Franti, The Sound of Sunshine Festival (Mandalay Bay Beach)	2010	Percussion, Vocals
➤ Joy! A Soulful Celebration, One King, Agnus Dei feat. Jason Forbach (Phantom)	2009	Vocals
➤ GMWA National Convention, Cincinnati	2009	Vocals
➤ GMWA Mass Choir Recording, "Live in Cincinnati 2009"	2009	Vocals
➤ Power 88 Super Soul Gospelfest feat. Marvin Sapp & Hezekiah Walker (opening)	2009	Vocals
➤ Taize Service at Center for Spiritual Living Greater Las Vegas	2008	Vocals

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## **Percussion Training**

Nicole began her world percussion studies in earnest in 2009. She has been exposed to a variety of percussion styles such as West African, Middle Eastern, Brazilian, Afro-Cuban, etc. She has had some training in djembe, dun dun, congas, doumbek, cajon and a variety of Brazilian percussion instruments. Nicole has also taken classes in rhythm tap dance, body music, stepping, bucket drumming and drum set. Nicole has apprenticed with some of Las Vegas' top percussionists and she has been blessed to be able to perform with many of her teachers, mentors and idols:

<b>Teacher/Mentor</b>	<b>Performs or Performed In/With (to name a few)</b>	<b>Training</b>
➤ Bobby Borg	Warrant (band)	Drum set
➤ Chiqui Garcia	<i>The Lion King</i> Musical, Latin Grammy's	Afro-Cuban
➤ Dele Adefemi	African Arts Productions, Inc.	Nigerian percussion
➤ Eric Bli Bi Gore	Ballet Djolem (Cote d'Ivoire), Lakimodo, Disney World's Animal Kingdom	West African, Cote d'Ivoire
➤ Hasani Palacio	Olabisi Dance & Drum Company, West Las Vegas Arts Center	West African, Guinea
➤ Ibrahima Camara	National Ballet of Senegal and Les Ballets Africain de Djabel Gueye	West African, Guinea & Senegal
➤ Idalberto Perdomo	<i>Havana Nights</i> , Clint Holmes	Afro-Cuban & Drum set
➤ Kurt Rasmussen	<i>O</i> by Cirque Du Soleil	Brazilian & Peruvian
➤ Leon Mobley	Damian Marley, Djembe West African Drummers & Dancers	West African
➤ Mark Mendonca	<i>Bring in Da Noise, Bring in Da Funk</i>	Tap dance, Bucket drumming
➤ Michito Sanchez	Poncho Sanchez , Stevie Wonder, Tito Puente, Chaka Khan,	Afro-Cuban & Conga funk
➤ Peter Fand	<i>Zarkana</i> by Cirque Du Soleil	West African
➤ Raphael Torn	<i>The Lion King</i> Musical & <i>Kooza</i> by Cirque Du Soleil	Afro-Cuban
➤ Richard Kashanski	Boston Pops Orchestra, Honolulu Symphony	Middle Eastern
➤ Solo Soro	<i>Beacher's Madhouse</i> (MGM Grand), <i>UniverSoul Circus</i> , <i>Disney World's Animal Kingdom</i>	West African, Cote d'Ivoire
➤ Tamar Vijent	" <i>O</i> " by Cirque Du Soleil	World Percussion, Funk
➤ "Papa" Diarra Zumana	Ballet Djolem (Cote d'Ivoire), Disney World's Animal Kingdom, Feraba-African Rhythm Tap Company	West African, Cote d'Ivoire