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EXPLORING WORLD CULTURES THROUGH MUSIC AND MORE

Workshop I: India, Senegambia (a West African region), and Brazil

Workshop II: The Yoruba people of Cuba, Ga people of Ghana, and Shona people of Zimbabwe

Workshop Leader: Imani Gonzalez

For Teachers of Grades 2-6

3 hours of instruction time for each workshop (may be presented alone or as a pair)

Maximum number of workshop participants: 35

In these two workshops, teachers examine ways to help students learn about the rich diversity of cultures through activities based on authentic children's songs, rhythms, stories, and artifacts. Students learn about the lifestyles and values of children in these faraway countries and come to appreciate the similarities and differences between these cultures and their own.

A copy of the compact disc and book *Dhimiki*, along with a teacher study guide containing lyrics and background information on the cultures, must be provided for each teacher at an additional cost.

Please Note: Imani Gonzalez is combining her Kennedy Center workshops EXPLORING WORLD CULTURES THROUGH MUSIC AND MORE with Lenore Blank Kelner's BRINGING LITERATURE TO LIFE to create a course or summer institute that explores reading comprehension through music and drama. Imani and Lenore are calling this combined effort:

Story—A Doorway to Culture and Reading Comprehension Explored through Music and Drama (Grades 1-5).

IMANI GONZALEZ ALSO OFFERS THE FOLLOWING SERVICES* FOR:

Students

- Performances/Lecture-Demonstrations
- Workshops in Preparation for Performance/Exhibit Attendance
- Other Workshops
- Residencies
- Written Guides to Performances/Exhibits
- Development of Online Resources

Teachers

- In-Depth Courses
- Demonstration Teaching
- Coaching in the Classroom
- Workshops in Preparation for Performance/Exhibit Attendance
- Written Guides to Performances/Exhibits

Parents

- Workshops for Parents
- Workshops for Parents with their Children

**Not all services have been designed or presented by the Kennedy Center.*

IMANI GONZALEZ is an artist educator and professional jazz /world vocalist who has lived in the Washington metropolitan area for over 20 years. Her voice is featured on many of the National Geographic Television's Explorer Series soundtracks, including the Emmy-nominated film *The Jane Goodall Biography*. She has performed and toured with such renowned artists as Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra. Imani has taught in the DC Public School system and in private schools as a traditional world music teacher. In past years, she has received grants from both the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities and the Artist-In-Education Program for the Maryland State Arts Council. She is an artist educator with Imagination Quest, Imagination Stage, and is on the artist roster with the Louisiana Division of the Arts and Maryland State Arts Council. Imani's debut book and compact disc entitled *Dhimiki* has received raved reviews from teachers and students. Her latest work, entitled *Iyipo Ayé*, is now available with a sing-a-long compact disc.