

BIO

Niko Diarra- Koloseus

Niko Diarra-Koloseus is a multi-talented musician, performer, composer, DJ and sound engineer hailing from Brooklyn. Born and raised in the heart of this vibrant city, Niko's deep connection to music began at a very young age, thanks to his father, a world-class drummer from Ivory Coast, Africa. Growing up in a household filled with rhythm and melody, Niko learned to drum before he even took his first steps, setting the stage for a lifelong journey in the world of music.

Niko's musical journey has been diverse and rich. He started performing at a young age as a member of the Feraba-African Rhythm Tap company, where he mastered traditional instruments from West Africa. This early exposure to traditional music laid the foundation for his future endeavors.

During his teenage years, Niko further honed his skills by attending the Amy Winehouse Teen Jazz program at the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music. There, he showcased his talents on the drum set, expanding his musical repertoire. His thirst for musical knowledge led him to Edward R. Murrow Performing Arts High School, where he received training in jazz and classical music, rounding out his education in various musical genres.

In 2018, Niko took a significant step in his musical career by co-founding the musical group DUEFUNK. This group's unique blend of psychedelic funk, rock, pop, and hip hop demonstrated Niko's versatility and creativity as a musician.

Beyond his performances, Niko has also been a member of the collective Sound Bridges and Percussive Dance since 2019. This collective has graced prestigious venues like the Anne Marie Kellen Concert Hall, as well as numerous other venues across New York City. They even took their talents to senior centers on performance tours in 2022 and 2023, sharing the joy of music with a diverse audience.

Niko's passion for music extends to teaching as well. He has been actively involved in teaching West African percussion in elementary schools, and he has lent his expertise to workshops conducted alongside the Feraba group in libraries, community centers, and other community events. His dedication to music education and his ability to connect with students make him a friendly, charismatic, and patient teacher. In the summer of 2023, Niko expanded his horizons by working as a counselor at the Pustelblume, an early childhood center. Here, he had the opportunity to work with students aged 4 to 9, further showcasing his passion for nurturing young talents.