



## Edmond “Barry” Johnson



Edmond “Barry” Johnson, a native of Birmingham, Alabama, is a professional drummer and percussion instructor who is well rounded in the art of drumming. Johnson is the Founder and Program Director of Sahi On Ko Djony, a West African Cultural Enrichment Program that provides an Outreach Program, Drum and Dance Classes, Workshops and Performances. He is a native of from Montgomery, Alabama, and attended George Washington Carver Junior and Senior High Schools where his drumming journey began.

He is retired military, having served 38 years in the USAF and the Alabama Air National Guard which has allowed him to study abroad while deployed to a number of foreign countries throughout the world to include France, Barbados, Curacao and St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Barry has been the auxiliary percussionist for the internationally known New Hope Baptist Church Mass Choir and has performed with ***Sculpture Essence Dance Company, Talladega College Dance Company, Nathifa Dance Company, Umdabu South African Dance Company, and Ursula Smith Dance***. He recently studied and toured with ***Viver Brazil***, an Afro-Brazilian performing company based in Los Angeles, California, throughout Alabama on their “*Samba In The Streets*” tours in February, 2018 and February, 2020. He is presently serving as an In-resident Artist at the Alabama School of Fine Arts in Birmingham, AL.

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