



## PRINCE DIABATÉ AND RIC ALVISO

## The Ancestor of Hip-Hop and the Blues: A Performance-Lecture with Prince Diabaté, a Griot from West Africa

Prince Diabaté — a griot, or traditional storyteller, musician, and poet from Guinea, West Africa — will be joined by ethnomusicologist Ric Alviso for a performance-lecture on the griot tradition, which connects with African history and modern-day music styles such as hip-hop, the blues, and salsa. Born into a family of musicians who have been documenting history in song since the 12th century, Prince Diabaté is a virtuoso musician on the 21-stringed harp called the kora. Alviso, who is also a composer, is a Professor of Music at CSU Northridge, and has been teaching at SMC since 1994. Sponsored by the SMC Associates.

Tue, September 17 | 11:15 a.m. | Free Student Services Center, Orientation Hall (SSC 183)

Thu, September 19 | 7:30 p.m. | Free The Edye at the SMC Performing Arts Center 1310 11th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401

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