
DJEMBE DRUMS & Skins, Inc.



Djembe Drums & Skins provides high quality rope tuned drums, drum tuning supplies and drum accessories at reasonable costs to those who love drumming. DD&S started as a hobby in the 1980s and became a business in 1996. It is owned and operated by Shorty and Sandy Palmer. DD&S is located outside of Knoxville, Tennessee in the Smoky Mountains. Most of its business is conducted over the internet or by phone. Although you are invited to stop by anytime and choose your own drum.

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Rope Tuned Drums

Most of our drums come from the Ivory Coast of Africa. Some come from Ghana and Guinea. Specializing in Djembes, we also carry an assortment of African rope tuned drums including Djun Djuns, Talking Drums, Bougarabous, and Congas.

Ivory Coast Djembes are made of Iroko wood. Full-sized Djembes are 12"- 14" in diameter and 24" tall. DD&S frequently has smaller sized Djembes. These drums have goatskin heads and are tuned by ropes attached to rings. We sell complete drums, shells, and drum kits. We guarantee our drums.

Skins and Hides

DD&S carries goatskins from the Ivory Coast. We have skins with hair and without hair. They are at least 20" wide and however long the goat was. These skins are from goats that are raised for food.

We also carry cowhides from the Ivory Coast and Guinea. We have hairless cowhides good for congas and tayko drums. We sell whole hides and rounds.

The prices for these skins and hides are very reasonable. Shorty is always looking for a good source of skins and sometimes can supply other type hides upon special request.

About Us

Our Djembes, drums and skins come mostly from the Ivory Coast of Africa. We deal with a carver who ships drums and skins to us via an ocean going container a few times a year. We also have contacts in Ghana, Guinea, Senegal, South America., and Pakistan. Specializing in drums and skins, we often have other musical items and accessories for sale. We also repair drums and are available for workshops.

Shorty started this business as a hobby in the early 1980's (see his story on the back). His mission is to provide good drums to all who want them at affordable prices. He is self taught and also eagerly accepts advice and new techniques from others who share his passion for drums and drumming. Sandy is Shorty's partner and helper. She also fell in love with the beat of the drum in the early 1980's and likes listening and dancing to drumming. Both Shorty and Sandy want to help everyone have a fabulous drumming experience.

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Skins and Hides

- Goatskins
- Cowhides

Rope Tuned Drums

- Djembes
- Djun Djuns
- Talking Drums
- Boogaraboos
- Congas
- Drum Building Kits
- Shells and Complete Drums

Drum Tuning Supplies

- Rope
- 1/4" Cold Rolled Rings
- Drum Pullers

Drum Accessories, Etc.

- Drum Straps
- Drum Bags
- Drum Head Covers
- Percussion Instruments
- Instructional DVD
- Repairs
- Newsletter
- Blog

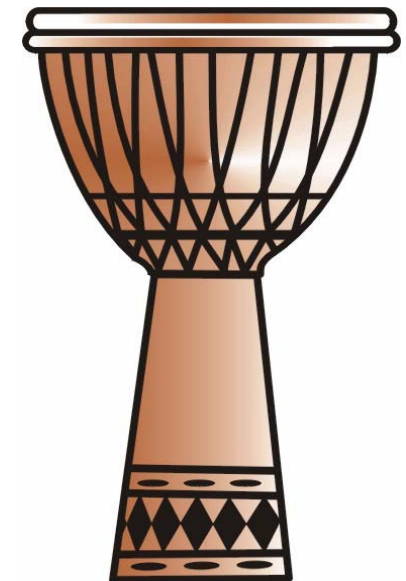
Workshops Upon Request

Shorty Palmer's Drum Story

I have never figured out the fascination I have had with drums and drumming. Back in the early 80's I built my first drum. I went on to build about 6 more slat drums, referred to by some as Appalachian Slat Drums. I sold three and gave the others as presents. I met my first Djembe in 1992 and was immediately in love. They produce a great sound and I knew I wanted one. I was unable to afford one. Being handy with my hands after being a carpenter for 20 years, I attempted to build a djembe out of plywood. Again I came up with a crude drum, but it worked. About a year after building my own djembe I happened across an importer of African artifacts including Djembes. By contacting him and purchasing a couple of his Djembes, I embarked on this incredible journey of rebuilding drums. I now import finished Djembes and shells from The Ivory Coast. I have learned quite a lot, and I am still in the process of learning. No longer a hobby this is a full time business. I want to continue to help people have good drums at a reasonable price. I may be contacted by phone, e-mail or you may visit my site

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