This is a time of change for Kulu Mele, and for all of us.

Exciting new changes at Kulu Mele

Dear Community,

Last year, Kulu Mele celebrated our 50th anniversary with an amazing premiere of Ogun & the People. We studied and danced a pataki, an Afro-Cuban sacred parable: a traditional way to understand and illustrate moral lessons to community. Ogun & the People is about a world out of balance and how a community deals with social isolation. And it is about rebalancing the world with love. Check it out.

Ogun & the People was a watershed for Kulu Mele. It challenges us to look forward. My parents have been carrying the torch for culture for 50 years. We are picking up that torch. We hope that you are with us. This winter, Kulu Mele’s Board and Transition Team began a process of preparing ourselves for the next 50 years. We are making changes to address the long-haul vitality of Kulu Mele and the current challenges of COVID-19.

We are launching the KM+50 campaign. Become a Friend of Kulu Mele with a donation in any amount. Help to keep Kulu Mele strong. Each year, Kulu Mele performances and school programs reach 10,000 people through 30+ bookings. COVID-19 has put an end to these programs—and to fees, core revenues that support basic operations. Now more than ever, we need to raise funds to support basic costs. Please give.

Help us find the next leader for the company. After 5 years of dedicated service, and the triumph of Ogun & the People, David Harrison, Kulu Mele’s Executive Director, is retiring. We are looking for someone grounded in African-centered vision and values, committed to African dance, drum, and cultural excellence, and able to build on Kulu Mele’s enduring promise, potential, and legacy. Read the job description here and share it!

Please show your support and belief in the future we will make together.

Wishing you peace, safety and resilience.

Asha,

Fasina Wilkie
Board chair, Kulu Mele African Dance & Drum Ensemble

Kulu Mele Launches Online Dance Classes!

Kulu Mele brings African dance classes to you. Free (donations encouraged)

- *Ama Schley *, All ages / all levels class taught by Ama Schley. Begins May 4

- Omo Kulu Mele, West African dance classes for children 5-12 taught by Alakee Be&ea Fairchild. Begins May 10