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MOVING TO THE BEAT

Chanel Ciersaint, center, 14, is all smiles as she works on her form during a dance class at AlleyCamp Miami, a six-week summer camp taking place at the Arsht Center. The camp, in its fourth season, brings together children ages 11 to 14 who are struggling with poverty, crime, single-parent households and other challenges. Right, Trina Soumare, a West African dance instructor, counts out the beat for the dancers.

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Azariah Covington, left, 11, Oscar Umanzor, center, 12, and Carlos Maiquez, right, 12, chant AileyCamp's "affirmation," a self-esteem builder, at the beginning and end of each day, Tuesday, July 3, 2012. MARICE COHN BAND / MIAMI HERALD STAFF



Krystal Smith, center, 12, dances to the West African beat of the Dun Dun drums, under the instruction of Trina Soumare, Tuesday, July 3, 2012, at AileyCamp Miami 2012. MARICE COHN BAND / MIAMI HERALD STAFF



Trina Soumare, center, West African dance instructor, shows her class of middle school students, steps to follow, Tuesday, July 3, 2012, at AileyCamp Miami. MARICE COHN BAND / MIAMI HERALD STAFF



Eric Bli Bi Gore, drummer for the West African dance session at AileyCamp Miami, keeps the beat for dozens of campers, Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at the Arsht Center. MARICE COHN BAND / MIAMI HERALD STAFF