

Donaba

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Donaba, the Malinke word for 'Great (female) Dancer' is a very ancient Dunumba-rhythm. The song is from more recent date (about 1950), it is in honour of a great dancer living those days in the village where Famoudou Konaté was born. Her name was Mariama Gbe and she invented sometimes new dances and had 'Donaba' as a nickname.

E donaba o, e donaba o, e deni dana baradon kourala bo e

He, Donaba, come out with a new dance for us!

Call						S	S	T	S	S	S				
						r	l	r	l	r	l				
sangban														■	
doundoun														■	●

Kenkeni		●	●●	●	●●	●	●●	●	●●	■	●●
	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Sangban	○		●	●	●	○			○	■
	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Doundoun	●		●●	●	●●					■	●●
	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Djembé 1	S	T	S	S	T	S
	r	r	l	r	r	l

Djembé 2	S	S	T	T	S	S	T	T
	r	l	r	l	r	l	r	l

Sources

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