

Mendiani

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Mendiani is a Malinke-rhythm, played in the areas of Siguiri, Mandiana, Kouroussa and Kankan. The dance is performed by virgins (age 7 - 14) (Mamady Keïta; CD Nankama). There is a special costume for this dance. The men carry the girls to the 'dance-floor' in the village. There the girls start the dancing. Many villages have got their own 'Mendian'; the girl, for that period the best dancer. When she gets (too) old a successor is pointed out; she learns the mendiani from the elder, at night, outside the village. (Famoudou Konaté)

*Na mouya douma kourama
ai gba la nalela, na mouya douma*

Call	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
	f	r	l	l	r	l	r
kenkeni							■
sangban						■	●
doundoun						■	●

Kenkeni	●			●	●		■
	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Sangban	●	●	○	■	●
bell	x	x	x	x	x
alternative bell	x	x	x	x	x

Doundoun	●	●				■	●
	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

Djembé	S	B	S	B	S	T	T
solo accomp.1	r	l	r	l	r	r	l

Sangban variations of: Famoudou Konaté, CD Rhythmen der Malinke

Sangban	●	●	○	●	●
variations		●	○		●
		●	○	●	
	●		●	●	●
	●	●			●
	●	●	○		●
		●	○	●	●
		●	●	●	●
		●			●
	●				●

Sangban	•	•			•	•
echauffement	x	x	x	x	x	x

Sangban	•				■
alternative	x	x	x	x	x

Doundoun variations of: Famoudou Konaté, CD Rhythmen der Malinke

Doundoun	•				•	•
variations	•	•		•	•	•
	•	•			•	•
	•	•		•	•	•
	•	•	•	•	•	•
	•	•	•	•	•	•

Djembé solo 1	S	B	S	B	S	T	T
phrase 1	r	l	r	l	r	r	l

	S	S	B	S	T	T
phrase 2	r	l	r	l	r	l

	S	S	S	T	S	T	S	S	B	S	T	T
phrase 3	r	l	r	l	r	l	r	l	l	r	l	r

	S	S	B	S	B	S	T	S	S	T	S	T	T
phrase 4	r	l	r	l	r	l	r	l	l	r	l	r	l

	S	S	B	S	B	S	T	T
phrase 5	r	l	r	l	r	l	r	l

	S	T	B	S	B	S	T	T
phrase 6	r	l	l	r	r	l	r	l

Djembé solo 2	T	T	S	S	T	T	S	S	S	T							
phrase 1	3x	2:r	l	r	l	2:r	l	r	l	r							

	T	T	S	S	T	T	S	S	S	T	S	S	T	S	S	T	S	S
phrase 2	2:r	l	r	l	2:r	l	r	l	r	l	r	l	r	l	r	l	r	l

	T	S	S	T	S	S	T	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
	r	l	r	l	r	l	r	l	r	l	2:r	l	r	l	r	l	r	l

	T							S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
phrase 3	2x	r						2:r	l	r	l	r	l	r	l	r	l	r

		S	T	T	S	S	S			S	T	T	S	S	S			
phrase 4		r	2:r	l	r	l				r	2:r	l	r	l				

		S	T	T	S	S	S			S	T	T	S	S	S	T	T	
		r	2:r	l	r	l				r	2:r	l	r	l	r	l	r	

	S	S	T	T	S	S	S	T	T	S	S	S	T	T	S	S	S	T	T
phrase 5	2x	r	l	r	r	l	r	r	r	l	r	l	r	r	l	r	l	r	r

	T	T	T	S	S	S	T	T											
phrase 6	2	r	l	r	l	l	l	l	r										

	T	T	T	S	S	S	T	T	S	B	S	B	S	T	T				
phrase 7	2	r	l	r	l	l	l	l	r	r	l	r	l	r	l				

Djembé solo 3	S		S		S	T	T	S	S		S		S	T	T				
Famoudou	r		r		r	r	l	r	r		r		r	r	l				

	S		S		S	T	T	S	T	S	S	B	B	S	S	T	T		
	r		r		r	r	l	r	r	l	r	r	l	r	l	r	l		

	S		S		S	T	T	S	T	S	S	B	B	S	S	S			
	r		r		r	r	l	r	r	l	r	r	l	r	l	r			

	T	T	T	S	S	S	T	S	S	S	T	S	S	S	T	S			
	r	l	r	l	r	l	r	l	r	l	r	l	r	l	r	l			

	S	S	T	S	S	S			S	S	S	S	S	S	S				
	r	l	r	l	r	l			f	r	l	l	r	r	l				

	S									B	S	T	T	S	T	T	S		
	f									r	l	2:r	l	l	r	r			

	B	S								T	T	S	S	S	S				
	r	l								r	l	r	l	l	r	f			

Djembé solo 4	T	S	S	T	S	T	S	T	S	S	S	S	S	S	S				
phrase 1		r	l	r	l	l	l	l	l	r	r	r	l	l	l				

Djembé solo 5; Ponda O'Bryan

	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2
Call		T S	S S S	S S S				
		r l	2 r l	r l r				
kenkeni					●		● ●	●
sangban					●	●	● ●	○
doundoun					● ●		● ●	

	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2
sangban		● ●	● ●	○	● ●	● ●	● ●	
Djembé solo		T T	S S	t t	s s	T T	S S	
phrase 1 + 1a		r l	r l	r l	r l	r l	r l	

	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2
sangban		● ●	● ●	○	● ●	● ●	● ●	
		S S S	S S S	S	T T	T T S	S S	
phrase 2		r r l	r r l	r	2 r l	r l	l r	

	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2
sangban		● ●	● ●	○	● ●	● ●	● ●	
		S S S	T T S	S S				
phrase 3		l r l	l r l	r l				

	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2
sangban		● ●	● ●	○	● ●	● ●	● ●	
			T S S	T S S	T S S	T S S		
phrase 4			r l	r l	r l	r l	r l	

	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2
sangban		● ●	● ●	○	● ●	● ●	● ●	
			T S S	T S S	S S S	S S S	T	
phrase 5			l 2 r l	r l	2 r l	r l	r l	

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