



CHIEF AYANDA IFADARA CLARKE
of THE FADARA GROUP, LLC
master percussionist, educator, and creative content consultant

Short Personal Bio: Chief Ayanda Ifadara Clarke

Chief Ayanda Ifadara Clarke, Ajibilu Awo of Osogboland, is a master percussionist and educator. Highly skilled and internationally revered, he embodies and uplifts African and African Diasporic traditions. As a creative content consultant, he focuses on the intersections of art, culture, and spirit.

Born and raised in Bed-Stuy, Brooklyn, New York, Chief Ayanda is a GRAMMY® Award-winning musician who has performed or shared the stage with countless masters, from Michael Jackson and Will Calhoun to KRS-One and Erykah Badu. As founder of Ajibilu Music, LLC, his compositions have been recorded, performed, and licensed for television, film, and Off-Broadway, including *So You Think You Can Dance*, *Elysium*, and *Cullad Wattah*.

Chief Ayanda serves as the Spiritual Advisor, the Cultural Director, as well as Co-Composer of *Syncing Ink*, the Off-Broadway hip hop theater production premiering at the Apollo's Victoria Theater in Harlem (May 2024).

His organization, THE FADARA GROUP, houses his public events, initiatives, and programs. Clarke was installed as a chief in Osogbo, Nigeria, nominated by his teacher, Chief Agbongbon Fakayode Faniyi. He is a spiritual health counselor and healer who serves as an initiate of Ifa, Orisa, Ayan, and Egungun (ancestors). He's also the founder and Chief Babalawo of Ile Oturupon Sokun Temple.

Short Business Bio: THE FADARA GROUP, LLC

THE FADARA GROUP, LLC, founded by Chief Ayanda Ifadara Clarke, presents projects that are infused with music, culture, and spirituality. With a focus on African and African Diasporic artistic expressions, THE FADARA GROUP advocates for programming that celebrates authentic representation and its presentations have included university lectures to live concerts at venues including Lincoln Center, Brooklyn Museum, and National Sawdust. It also serves as the co-producer of *Syncing Ink*, one of its current ventures. The Off-Broadway hip hop theater production will premiere at the Apollo's Victoria Theater in Harlem in May 2024.

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