

CultureTalk Senegal Video Transcripts: <http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu>
Sabar Drumming

Description of video:

This scene shows a demonstration of *Sabar* (drums). *Sabar* is usually drummed by men and accompanied by women dancers. Some women are using whistles just to accompany the drummers. It is a very joyful moment when everybody comes together and dances and praises each other.

Most *sabar* drumming is accompanied by dancing and usually takes place for special occasions and festivals, including births, baby-naming ceremonies, weddings, holidays and other special celebrations. In addition, *sabar* drumming is often played for wrestling matches, with each wrestler having his own special rhythm.

About CultureTalk: CultureTalk is produced by the Five College Center for the Study of World Languages and housed on the LangMedia Website. The project provides students of language and culture with samples of people talking about their lives in the languages they use everyday. The participants in CultureTalk interviews and discussions are of many different ages and walks of life. They are free to express themselves as they wish. The ideas and opinions presented here are those of the participants. Inclusion in CultureTalk does not represent endorsement of these ideas or opinions by the Five College Center for the Study of World Languages, Five Colleges, Incorporated, or any of its member institutions: Amherst College, Hampshire College, Mount Holyoke College, Smith College and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

© 2003-2008 Five College Center for the Study of World Languages and Five Colleges, Incorporated