

THE GRIOT TRADITION

West African Music and Meaning

Thursday, Nov. 12
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Dennis A. Wicker Civic & Conference Center

1801 Nash St., Sanford, NC 27330

Event held in the Auditorium

Join Sean Gaskell as he performs songs on the kora, a 21-stringed West African harp, shares West African history and culture, and answers audience questions.



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About the artist:

The kora is traditionally played by oral historians known as griots whose songs preserve an 800-year history of West Africa and the Mande empire. Gaskell has studied extensively under the instruction of master musicians in Gambia and Senegal. A respected and popular touring artist, Gaskell has performed across the United States and internationally to over 400 audiences of all ages.