WHO is Atumpan?

Teaching artists Corey & LaQuita Marie Staten are storytellers. Founded in 1999 as Atumpan – The Talking Drums, this duo has over a decade of professional experience in the performing arts and they have grown to be a favorite with audiences. Their parent company, Can’t See for Looking Edutainment, Inc., describes their extraordinary style of education through entertainment.

Thanks to their rhythmic style of storytelling, Atumpan is often requested for weddings, parties, and festivals, aside from the requests of educational venues such as schools, camps, libraries and museums. Audiences interact in high energy, educational programs that entertain all age groups.

WHAT THEMES does Atumpan promote:

History:
✓ West Africa and the culture of its people as it connects to African-Americans
✓ America from civil war to civil rights
✓ Music from Africa to America

Anti-Bullying:
✓ Strategies for handling bullies and gang activity
✓ Understanding and fostering a sense of acceptance and inclusion for people with different cultures and disabilities

Science:
✓ Magnets and sound waves and their use in everyday life
✓ Simple machines and the power they lend us

WHERE does Atumpan perform?
✓ Performances: school assemblies, libraries, festivals, tour groups, and museums
✓ Professional Development/Conferences: corporations and educational institutions
✓ Classes: West African dance/drumming Attucks Theater 1010 Church St. Norfolk, VA; Wed 6:30-8:00pm Sat 11am-12:30pm
✓ Appearances: YOUR next event

USEFUL LINKS:

Atumpan’s music and dancers are featured in a commercial for Umoja Fest
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzcZKBDa8tI

Atumpan engages an audience of families
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FoLFsCnHuQo

Atumpan at the Norfolk zoo
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R1D2n6wrHWA