



Uffunu – Deslocamentos de padrões *Uffunu – Shifting patterns*

Escolhi um ritmo muito interessante, chamado Uffunu. Este, e outros ritmos, podem ser encontrados no meu livro “Djembe e Ritmos Africanos”. O Uffunu é proveniente do Oeste Africano e praticado pelo povo Ewe. A grade de instrumentos é formada por quatro Djembes, com afinações distintas, dois tambores graves responsáveis pela pulsação, que são o Kenkeni (o menor) e o Djun-djun (o maior), além de um Cowbell.

This is a very interesting rhythm called Uffunu. This rhythm and so many other can be found in my book “Djembe and West African Rhythms”. The Uffunu comes from the West Africa and is played by the Ewe people. The music sheet is formed by 4 djembes, with distinct tuning, two bass drums (keeping the pulse), which are the Kenkeni (the small one) and the Djun-Djun (the bigger one), and one cowbell.

The musical score consists of seven staves, each representing a different instrument. From top to bottom, the instruments are: Dj G, Dj M, Dj A 1, Dj A 2, DD (Djun-djun), KK (Kenkeni), and CB (Cowbell). The score is in common time (indicated by a '4' in the top right corner of each staff) and uses a treble clef. The notes are represented by vertical stems with 'x' marks for bass notes and dots for higher notes. The first four staves (Dj G, Dj M, Dj A 1, Dj A 2) show complex rhythmic patterns with many notes. The last three staves (DD, KK, CB) show simpler patterns, primarily consisting of sustained notes or short bursts of notes.

Note que os djembes executam exatamente o mesma frase, porém estão deslocados no tempo. Se fossemos pensar o ritmo de uma forma melódica, os djembes executariam o seguinte padrão melódico (intervalos apenas ilustrativos):



Note that the djembes play exactly the same pattern, but they are time-shifted. If we consider the melodic form of the rhythm, the following pattern could be considered (illustrative notes):



Note também que o Kenkeni reforça o Djembe mais grave, acentuado o início do ciclo.

Also note that the Kenkeni empowers the bass Djembe, accenting the beginning of the cycle.

Legenda / Legend:

Dj A : Djembe agudo (*high*) , Dj M : Djembe médio (*medium*),

Dj G : djembe grave (*low*)

KK : Kenkeni , DD : Djun-djun, CB : Cowbell.

Djembe

A musical staff with four measures. The first measure has a vertical line with a dot below it. The second measure has a vertical line with a dot below it. The third measure has a vertical line with a cross above it. The fourth measure has a vertical line with a cross above it.

Aberto (*open*) Baixo (*bass*) Tapa (*slap*) Abafado (*mute*)

Kenkeni e Djun-djun

A musical staff with three measures. The first measure has a vertical line with a dot below it. The second measure has a vertical line with a cross above it. The third measure has a vertical line with a cross above it.

Aberto (*open*) Abafado (*closed*) Cowbell