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AFRICAN NIGHT AT UM THIS SATURDAY

MISSOULA—

African Night at The University of Montana offers a chance to enjoy hip-hop, rai, coupe-decale, zouk and soukous music, as well as other fun surprises.

The event takes place from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, July 21, in the University Center Ballroom. Admission is \$6 at the door.

Seattle disc jockey Sico, who is from Burkina Faso, will spin hip-hop and four types of African music:

- § Rai, which means “opinion,” is folk music. It is a mix of French, Spanish, African and Arabic musical forms that originated in North Africa.
- § Zouk, a rhythmic music from Guadeloupe and Martinique, has Creole, English and African influences. Zouk means “party.”
- § Soukous originated in the Congo. The word is derived from the French “secouer,” which means to shake.
- § Coupe-decale is a melodious, rhythmic African music that originated in Cote d’Ivoire.

Proceeds from the event will support upcoming cultural activities of UM’s African Student Association.

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“Our culture is rich, diverse and amazing,” said student coordinator Hamza Haffari.

“We’d like to share it with the community and the campus.”

African Night is an alcohol-free event. Snacks will be served and water will be available, as well as other drinks from vending machines.

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