# African cultures merge at Lied <br> By Julie Naughton 

Senior Reporter "Africa Oye!" (Long Live Africa), Africa Dye. (Lon gLive Africa), and rhythmic sounds, brought together the cultures of Guinea, Zaire, Mali, Senegal and Niger for an African
experience that was unique for Linexperience that
coIn audiences.
African dancers, acrobats and singers in colorful native costumes brought a powerful magic and energy to the Lied Center for Performing Arts on Tuesday night.
The evening consisted of 12 short performances, divided evenly between iwo acts.
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The scene stealers of the evening clearly were the Pul Acrobats in the
first act and singer Kandia Kouyatc in the second act.
The Peal Acrobats from Guinea, led by El Hedge Djelly Sorry Kouyate, rose and green robes glided about her

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Folks who remember the prominent Lincoln bar band Street Legal may want to check out Ivory Star at he Pla-Mor Ballroom, 6600 West O , Thursday night.
The 9 p.m. show will be its Lincoll debut, but two of the band's members are anything but strangers
to the area. the area
Siblings Donette and Dave Smith worked the college circuit for about nine years with the cover outfit Street Legal, finding a particularly good
following in northeast Nebraska. Since breaking from their old band, the Smiths have hooked up with three

## Jacob

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blue, and it's just one of the things that make "Jacob's Ladder" a little hard to swallow. There are dream sequences that are never fully explained. There are dream sequences within dream sequences, just to add the confusion.
The line between the real and the unreal gets fuzzier throughout the story. Not surprising considering that pro-

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balafons with acrobatics. The and bats seemed to take a special joy in
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their performance. With big smiles on their faces, they flipped, cartwheeled and at times breakdanced cartwheeled performance. The white balloon- type long shorts they wore, presumably native costumes, could have passed for the bubble skirts that were popular several years ago.
Kandia Kouyate, a singer from Mali, has gained widespread popularity in West Africa. Her performance Tuesday evening proved this popularity is well-deserved. Kouyate, clad in flowing robes and a headdress, belted native
songs in her strong Kouyate's authoritative voice. Kouyate's authoritative voice echoed throughout the Lied audito-
riumas she performed "Koulan Dian" rum as she performed "Koulan Djan" danced to her own singing, her white,
body. Through eye contact, she easily
created a rapport with the audience. created a rapport with the audience.
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the grot, conveyers of historical knowledge. Griots have the responsibility of orally reciting the history of

## COMP REVIEW

## are considered celebrities in their native

 lands. Kouyate is one of them.When she spoke the only line of English in the show - "Thank you, I love you" - the audience went wild, saluting her with loud applause. Also appearing in "Africa Oye!" filling the halls with the thumping filling the halls with the thumping
sounds of percussion The Pence tribe. The Pende tribe, dancers and
musicians from Zaire, performed a musicians from Zaire, performed
Ivory Snow
members of a South Dakota group called Star. The result: Ivory Star Much of Street Legal's radio cover style has remained intact, which ought to please the college crowds who at places like the Pla-Mor or The Precinct.

There are some similarities still there," said lead vocalist Donnete Smith. "I guess our style is a little bit heavier, which is something that (drummer) Dave and I wanted to do."

Another thing Smith said he hopes to do with Ivory Star is break away from the standard cover band format. but our ultimate weal is doing covers,
duce Alan ("Angel Heart") Marshal had a hand in this one as well. But unlike that supernatural thriller, this one relies more on lighting tricks and quick edits than any discernible plot. All of the confusion is poorly explained away with a quickie ending. It's a cop out, and it solidifies the pointlessness of "Jacob's Ladder." "Jacob's Ladder" is playing at the Edgewood 3 Theatre at the Edge wood Center, 56 th Street and Highway 2 .

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The rest of Ivory Star hails from sioux Falls, S.D., including keyboardist Darrin Drew, bassist Jeff O' Connell and guitarist Gary Snow. In their 10 years of playing various Midwest sites, they too had carved out a niche for themselves.
"This is really a veteran band," said Smith, "and we all kind of know that you have to give audiences something new everytime out.
"That's one of the things we'll be concentrating on - updating our live show in order to satisfy people the Tickets for the she
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program similar to the Percussionists of Guinea, while Batwa-Ekonda, musicians from Zaire, performed as the "joust of the tribes."
Mbulie-Hemba, also from Zaire, id the dance of initiation, while did the dance of initiation, while the Theme of the Chief, the Warrior the Theme of the Chief, the Warrior
March and the Theme of the Ancient Empire of Bornou.

Babunda, Zaire musicians, shared frican prayers for fertility with the audience.
"Africa Oye!" is the brainchild of Michel Boudon and Mel Howard, two men who were interested in bringing the culture of Africa to the United States. The show took more than four years for the men to put together, and as Howard said, it is a synthesis of the Africa - rather than what already

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