

The Ethnic Arts Council (EAC)
is co-sponsoring the screening of an extraordinary film
Throw Down Your Heart
at
UCLA's Fowler Museum on Sunday, March 13 at 2 pm.
Remember: Daylight Savings Time begins on March 13!



A musical background accompanies most rituals in Africa and consequently plays a large part in understanding the masking events and the sculpture of the continent.

The film follows the musical adventures of American banjo virtuoso Bela Fleck as he visits Uganda, Tanzania, Gambia, and Mali and explores the little-known African roots of the banjo. Along the way, he works with a wide array of musicians - from local villagers who play a twelve-foot xylophone, to a family that makes and plays the *akonting* (thought by many to be the original banjo), to international superstars such as the Malian diva Oumou Sangare. Using his banjo, Fleck transcends barriers of language and culture and creates some of the most meaningful music of his career.

UCLA ethnomusicology professor Cheryl Keyes,
a specialist in African music, will lead a post-film discussion.

This program is FREE and open to the public!

If attending, please include # in your party and email
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