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## Cyro Baptista's Banquet of the Spirits

For the second show of West Philly's free 40th Street Summer Series, world music gets just a little bit weird when it comes to practitioners Cyro Baptista, Adam Rudolph, and Joseph Bowie. Brazilian percussionist Cyro Baptista plays the tradition hard, yet he's also known for the innovative Beat the Donkey ensemble as well as his session work with Laurie Anderson, Medeski Martin & Wood and Yo-Yo Ma. Expect his new band Banquet of the Spirits to be no less experimental as Baptista takes on several John Zorn compositions. Wonky world percussion pioneer Adam Rudolph's Moving Pictures' smashing new album Both/And is a whirlwind of sonorous sounds and good vibrations from the African diaspora. But with legendary noise funk multi-instrumentalist Joseph Bowie by his side, the trip is a wee bit skronkier. Performing between and before sets will be the West Philadelphia drill team, the Elegant Cavaliers, under the direction of Dornetta Gary.

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The Rotunda, University of Pennsylvania, and <u>University City District</u> present the 40th Street Summer Series with Cyro Baptista's Banquet of the Spirits, Adam Rudolph & Joseph Bowie and the Elegant Cadavers performing at 6 p.m. Saturday at the 40th Street Field (40th between Walnut and Locust). Free. Information: http://www.therotunda.org



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