

Maimouna Hale is an advanced drummer, experienced international music teacher and successful business owner who has completed both adolescent and adult musician education, including rites of passage in both the US and Africa. Using the knowledge acquired combined with her own passions and degree—Maimouna founded Qw33n Lov3 LLC. Through her LLC, Maimouna continues her mission to obtain and share knowledge of the African diaspora through music education, production, and performance.

Maimouna (Qw33n Lov3), born and raised in Detroit, MI, has been playing the djembe for over 20 years. She started playing in elementary school at Marcus Garvey Academy which later received the name Nanou Djiapo from their Senegalese family.

Maimouna has had the pleasure of being taught by many teachers from all over West Africa and continues her learning today. Maimouna took time off from the djembe to go to college and join the military as an officer. She has had the chance to visit Dakar, Senegal and complete her rite of passage—while also honing her skills on the Sabar, Dunun, Congo's, Xylophone as well as her own music production skills. In addition, Maimouna teaches Djembe lessons for beginner drummers and partners with her Senegalese family to provide authentic African drums.

While in Senegal, she also received her African name Maimouna which means protector always receive people and get things in order. A strong woman who shares and helps others. Although Maimouna's Senegalese family gave her that name, they call her Meme which is the nickname her parents gave her. In Senegal there is a song they sing every time they speak of her and talk to her which is "Meme Ngi Gneuw", it means "Meme is coming, coming to bless the people!"