



# THE IFA FOUNDATION

Sacred Alignment Empowerment Healing Center

## IFA FOUNDATION INNER CIRCLE MEMBER

### BABA ADELANWA (John)



I grew up living in a fantasy world of spirits, elves, and other dimensions, playing on my own in the vast swampy wilderness of South Eastern Michigan and the mountainous high country of Western North Carolina. One secret spot I spent a lot of time at in the Appalachian Mountains is home to an ancient, West facing Native American site. My experiences in this site set in place an early, unconscious frame work for the depth and appreciation of ones ancestral horizon. In 1994, upon having a series of waking state visionary experiences, the trajectory of my spiritual path, while still remaining an absolute enigma, was set.

I first encountered a deviation of the Ifa lineage out of Cuba in 1997, which was an experience that was accompanied by a series of lucid dreams. While feeling that I didn't quite fit into that community (a feeling I've had most of my life, so, no offense to anyone in the diaspora), I did have my first elemental visitation by an Orisa, Osun, which forever left an impression on my life (as she does). 2011, I experienced a fateful meeting with Iya Vassa, which is a connection that put all of my previous experiences, visions, and inherent birth right into alignment, and a friendship that has forever changed my life.

In present day, I live on ancestral land in the mountains of Western North Carolina with my wife Emily and my son, Xavier. I spend my time working as a Babalawo, a musician, and running a certified organic mushroom farm. As part of all aspects of what I do, I work with the forest and the trees, guided by Ifa and the spirit of collaboration.

**Priest of Shango**

**Ifa Babalawo**

**Ecology & Tree Specialist**