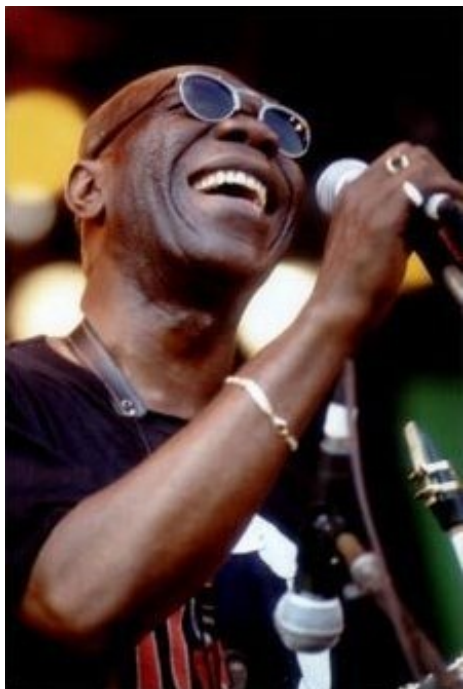


Manu Dibango

Not just a saxophonist: Manu Dibango is an institution! The global fusion he created in the 1950s made the "Soul Makossa" star a genuine world-music pioneer in Africa. *New album* planned for next autumn.



Line-up

Manu Dibango - saxophone, vocals, marimba

Line-up subject to change.

On Stage: 6

Travel Party: 10

Website

www.manudibango.net

Biography

Who knows? If he had not been born under the star sign of Sagittarius, he might never have had the temperament of a nomad and the taste for adventure.. Having been sent to Europe at the age of 15, he would have come back an academic success. As it was, he was affected by musical grace in the very first years in the protestant temple. Little Manu on the road between Paris and Brussels, thanks to the masters he discovers (Armstrong, Ellington, Young, Parker...), wandering in places where jazz rips the nights apart voluptuously, a musician's soul was being formed. Then the famous singer Kabasele arrived in Brussels from Zaïre (Democratic State of Congo), and proposes he join their group "African Jazz" to play Congolese music ; Manu takes up the challenge. He features in around forty records, then goes on tour near Kinshasa. This was to be a decisive step. An idea was gradually taking shape during his life as a well-known musician : to invent a patchwork made up of rich and spirited conversations between jazz and African styles of music. Being of an eclectic mind, listening to the sounds of his era – in 1972 Soul Makossa was the first "French" hit to conquer the States – Manu takes secret pleasure in breaking the musical chapels, building bridges between continents and throwing passageways between tradition and the sounds of future. The first in France to clear the land where the African wave was well established ; he produced albums and went on tour endlessly with warm, passionate enthusiasm and committed himself to humanitarian causes, giving a hand to young talents along the way. He used his time to create musical scores for African music and ever to write his own autobiography. Time to call it a day? Definitely not!

Discography

1972 Soul Makossa - Atlantic
1973 Oboso - London
1974 Makossa Man - Atlantic
1975 Makossa Music - Creole
1976 Manu 76 - Decca
1976 Super Kumba - Decca
1978 Afrovision - Island
1978 A l'Olympia - Fiesta
1978 Sun Explosion - Decca
1980 Gone Clear - Mango
1981 Ambassador - Mango
1985 Electric Africa - Celluloid
1987 Afrijazzy - Urban
1989 Deliverance - Afro Rhythmes
1989 Happy Feeling - Sterns
1989 Waku Juju - Disque
1989 Rasta Souvenir - Disque
1989 Homecade - Sterns
1992 Polysonik - Sound Wave
1994 Live '91 - Stern's Music
1994 Seventies - Sonodisc
1994 Tropical Garden - Sonodisc
1994 Wakafrika - Giant
1995 Negropolitaines, Vol. 2 - Melodie
1996 Lamastabatani - Melodie
1996 Bao Bao - M.I.L.
2000 Mboa' Su - JPS
2001 Kamer Feeling JPS
2002 Electric Africa - Varese
2003 Cubafrika - Melodie
2003 Dance with Manu Dibango - Masterplan
2003 From Africa - Soul Makossa
2006 The Very Best of African Soul - UMe Imports
2006 La Jamaïque - Soul Makossa
2006 Sax & Spirituals Lamastabastani - Soul Makossa
2006 Soft and Sweet - Soul Makossa
2007 Lion of Africa - Global Mix Music
2008 African Woodoo - jpc
2011 Past Present Future - Wayne Beckford

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