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TRIPLE ALBUM 35 YEARS RETROSPECTIVE COMPILATION NUITS D'AFRIQUE



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35 Years of World Music in Montreal

Nuits d'Afrique is launching a Retrospective Compilation

"Nuits d'Afrique represents, above all, a wealth of music. A fully fledged and cultivated festival program, bringing together outstanding musicians and lively, stirring rhythms that speak to the hearts of music lovers everywhere." (La Presse, 2001 [translation]).

In celebration of its 35th anniversary and to share the treasures of past seasons with the greatest number of people possible, Nuits d'Afrique has put together a three-volume compilation, a retrospective of over three decades of world music in Montreal. Available on all platforms starting November 5, 2021.

And it is sure to knock your socks off! From the most traditional to cutting-edge sounds and rhythms, world music is always evolving. The 35 tracks that appear on this three-volume set represent a rich and particularly vibrant sample of the incredible variety of musical genres arising from shared African roots. Emanating from Cuba, Morocco, Guadeloupe, Cape Verde, Senegal and twenty-six other countries, this retrospective compilation features 35 artists, from beloved local musicians and new talent who have captured the hearts of music lovers to international stars that have graced the Festival stages over the years.

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A Never-Before-Released Tribute to Nuits d'Afrique

Like an anniversary gift, the album's opening track is called Nuits d'Afrique. Composed and performed by Kabey Konaté, Kayiri and King Shadrock, this up-tempo, catchy reggae tune sets the tone for the rest of the album. With lyrics in French, Bambara and Jamaican Patois, it symbolizes a meeting of cultures, which has been the goal of Nuits d'Afrique since the beginning. The track was recorded at Le National on July 9, 2021, during the Nuits d'Afrique 35th Anniversary Tribute concert.

Practical information

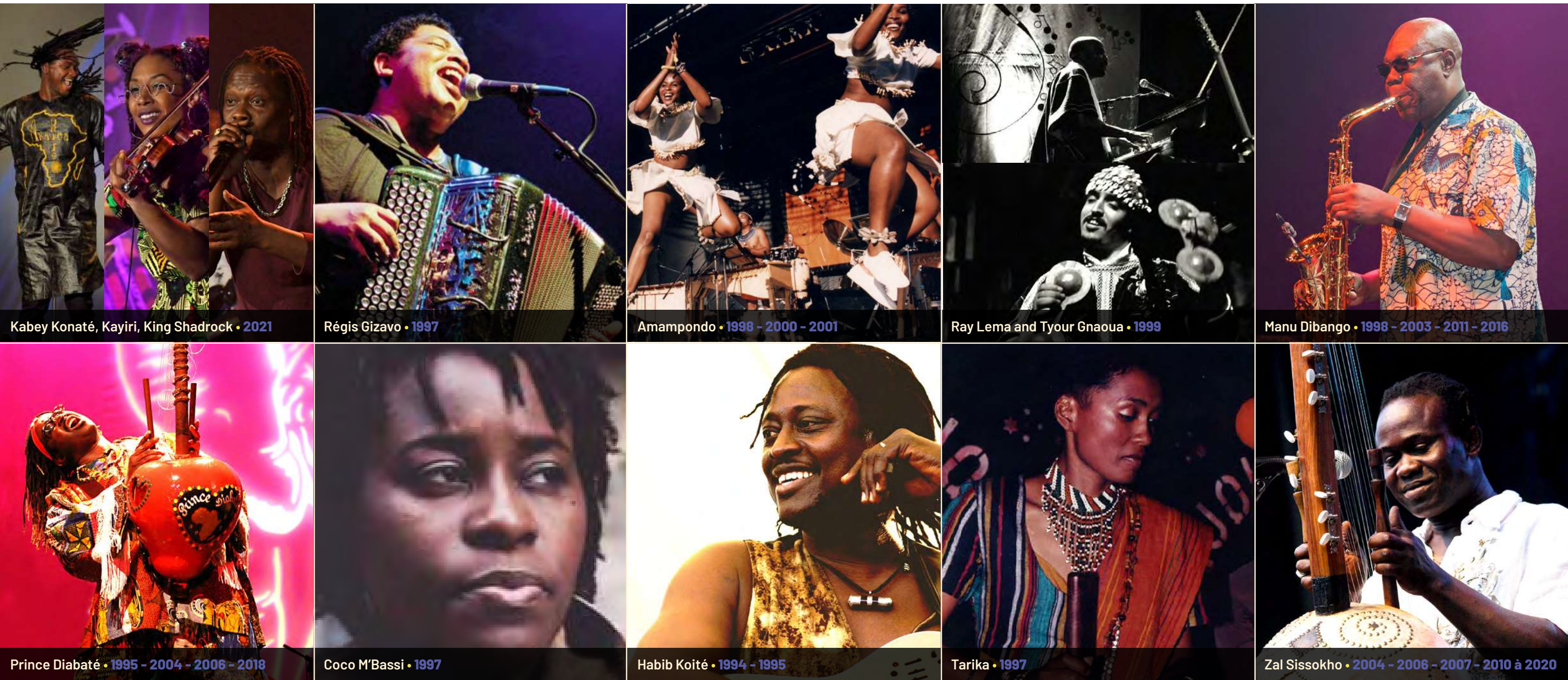
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Volume 1 : 1987 - 2000

The late Many Dibango, who is featured on the compilation’s first volume, said of Lamine Touré and Nuits d’Afrique, “It’s never easy, especially outside of one’s native country, to do certain things that will later seem normal.” During the 80s, African music washes over Europe. Lamine Touré dares to ride the wave all the way to Montreal, and launches Festival Nuits d’Afrique. During its first decade, through the quality of its programming, the depth of its commitment to diversity, the relevance of its mission and its professionalism, Nuits d’Afrique solidifies its credibility, and becomes a unique, must-see world music event on an international scale.

01.	Nuits d’Afrique (Live) KABEY KONATE, KING SHADROCK AND KAYIRI (Burkina Faso - Jamaica - Quebec)	05:33
02.	Mbempe RÉGIS GIZAVO (Madagascar)	02:38
03.	Inkomo AMAMPONDO (South Africa)	07:15
04.	Mimouna RAY LEMA AND TYOUR GNAOUA (Congo - Morocco)	05:34
05.	Big Blow MANU DIBANGO (Cameroun)	05:39
06.	Horoya PRINCE DIABATÉ (Guinea)	03:33
07.	Iwiye COCO M’BASSI (Cameroun)	02:57
08.	Cigarette a Bana HABIB KOITÉ (Mali)	04:19
09.	Taraina TARIKA (Madagascar)	05:05
10.	Mbeuguel ZAL SISSOKHO (Senegal - Quebec)	04:47



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Volume 2 : 2000 - 2010

Throughout the first decade of the new millennium, Nuits d'Afrique flourishes and expands. The number of large-scale shows increases, with artists performing to full houses in major venues. World music is now fully integrated into the cultural fabric of Montreal. During this period, the Festival International Nuits d'Afrique was twice awarded Tourism Québec's Grand Prize. It was also during this time that the Syli d'or de la musique du monde was created, becoming an exceptional showcase for local artists as well as a testament to Nuits d'Afrique's desire to play a significant role in helping to develop the careers of the local talent by giving them a platform through which to spread their music to larger audiences.

11.	Nipigie Simu (Call me) SAMBA MAPANGALA & ORCHESTRA VIRUNGA (Congo - Kenya - Tanzania)	04:55
12.	Nos Paraiso MARIA DE BARROS (Cape Verde)	03:36
13.	Yo Voy NOVALIMA (Peru)	03:51
14.	Désert DOBET GNAHORÉ (Ivory Coast)	03:25
15.	Been Such A Long Time HUGH MASEKELA (South Africa)	04:32
16.	Irobukairo CHIWONISO (Zimbabwe)	04:35
17.	Bahi Africa GOTTA LAGO (Ivory Coast - Quebec)	02:41
18.	Yo Soy Salsamuffin SERGENT GARCIA (France - Spain - Colombia)	03:46
19.	Peppapot NOMADIC MASSIVE (Quebec)	03:46
20.	Rété KASSAV' (Guadeloupe - Martinique)	05:24



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Volume 3 : 2010 - 2021

With the expansion of the Internet, everything is moving faster. World music is no exception, and Nuits d'Afrique is all ears. Electro, hip hop, Sound System music become more present on the stages of Nuits d'Afrique, which loses nothing of its original essence. Festival audiences continue to swell as a new generation of music lovers becomes enchanted by the African-born rhythms and join up with devoted fans from the Festival's early days. In 2011, the outdoor portion of the Festival moves to the Quartier des spectacles, at the heart of Montreal's cultural activities. The range of musical genres showcased at the Festival continues to expand, and the mixing of cultures becomes more and more evident. In 2013, in recognition of his contributions to society, Lamine Touré is named a Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Québec and, in 2018, he becomes a Member of the Order of Canada.

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| 21. <i>Manha de Carnaval</i> JEAN-FRANÇOIS LÉGER (Quebec - Brazil) | 04:37 |
| 22. <i>Ghetto Many</i> JOE DRISCOLL & SEKOU KOUYATÉ (Guinea - USA) | 04:10 |
| 23. <i>It's So Sorry</i> SIERRA LEONE'S REFUGEE ALL STARS (Sierra Leone) | 04:23 |
| 24. <i>Sénégal</i> ILAM (Senegal - Quebec) | 04:03 |
| 25. <i>On verra</i> SOUSOU & MAHER CISSOKO (Senegal - Sweden) | 03:57 |
| 26. <i>Muinda ngunza</i> LES TAMBOURS DE BRAZZA (Congo) | 04:09 |
| 27. <i>Masala</i> JAB DJAB (Trinidad and Tobago - Quebec) | 04:21 |
| 28. <i>Legado Opening</i> FORMELL Y LOS VAN VAN (Cuba) | 05:01 |
| 29. <i>Kulindiswe</i> MOKOOMBA (Zimbabwe) | 04:25 |
| 30. <i>Te Wa Vouan Ne Ma</i> KAREYCE FOTSO (Cameroun) | 03:58 |
| 31. <i>Caserita Villareña</i> ORQUESTA ARAGON (Cuba) | 04:36 |
| 32. <i>Chouf Ellil</i> DJAZIA SATOUR (Algeria) | 04:05 |
| 33. <i>Allons Danser</i> BÉNIN INTERNATIONAL MUSICAL (Benin) | 03:44 |
| 34. <i>Happy Birthday Tabou / Ten-N-Fass</i> TABOU COMBO (Haiti) | 05:50 |
| 35. <i>Tempo</i> CALYPSO ROSE FEAT SHURWAYNE WINCHESTER (Trinidad and Tobago) | 03:00 |



Jean-François Léger • 2017



Joe Driscoll & Sekou Kouyaté • 2013 - 2014



Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars • 2012



Ilam • 2016 - 2017 - 2020



Sousou & Maher Cissoko • 2015



Les Tambours de Brazza • 2012



Jab Djab • 1988 - 1991 - 2002 - 2008 - 2021



Formell y Los Van Van • 2014 - 2015



Mokoomba • 2017



Kareyce Fotso • 2016



Orquesta Aragon • 2013 - 2016



Djazia Satour • 2018



Bénin International Musical • 2019



Tabou Combo • 2014 - 2016 - 2019



Calypso Rose feat Shurwayne Winchester • 2012

Upcoming shows with artists featured on the compilation album

On November 5, 6, and 7, as part of its 35th anniversary celebrations, Nuits d'Afrique will launch its Retrospective Compilation at the Club Balattou with three special evening concerts featuring some of the artists featured on this latest release by the world music label, Disques Nuits d'Afrique:

Friday, November 5

- **Zal Sissokho and the group Buntalo** (Senegal)
- **Jab Djab** (Trinidad)

Saturday, November 6

- **"50 Years of Bossa Nova in Quebec"** by Jean-François Léger (Quebec / Brazil)
- **Gotta Lago** (Ivory Coast).

Sunday, November 7

- **ILAM** (Senegal)
- **Nomadic Massive** (Haiti, Algeria, Colombia, Caribbean)

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