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« *Spicy Boom Boom* »

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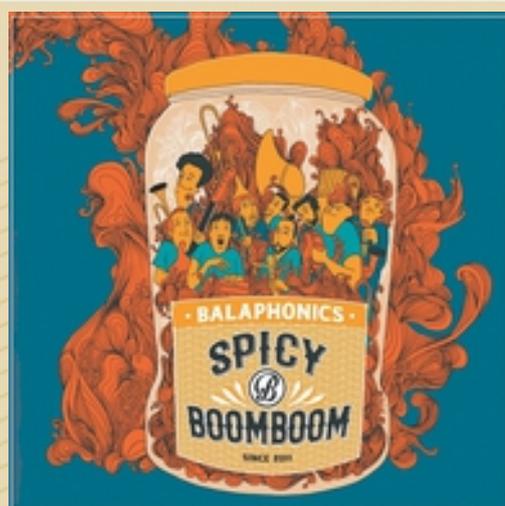
AFROBEAT / BRASS BAND / JAZZ

The afro brass band from Paris (France) will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2021 with the release of a second album placed under the sign of artistic encounter.

Since 2016 and the release of the album "*AfroMassivSoundSystem*" (FIP selection and Citizen Jazz favorite), the 9 musicians have experienced intense moments of happiness in all parts of France, as far as clubs in London or festivals, scorching waves in Cyprus and Malta. There were also long months of radio silence, musicians invested in other groups (Arat Kilo, Abdul & The Gang, Nola French Connection BB ...) and questions about the meaning of a project involving French musicians on an aesthetic inspired by the music of the African continent. In 2018, the group accepts the invitation of the Fela Days Festival in Bamako for 10 days of meetings musical (Habib Koité, Ko Saba, Tiken Jah Fakoly, Abomey Afrobeat Orchestra),

creation and concerts that lead to the recording at the Bogolan studio of the EP '*Balamako*', with griot **Moriba Diabaté**. From these lasting memories, from rich exchanges with Malian and Beninese artists, a new dynamic was born. **Balaphonics** then finds its way back to **Studio Mastoïd** in Pantin (France) to concoct a spicy mixture with flavors sometimes makossa, highlife, ethio-groove, or Congolese rumba. All delicately spiced up with pop and psychedelic influences from **Maxime Lunel** for a unique sound: **SPICY BOOM BOOM**.

This album was made possible by the support of musicians with a big heart working for the meeting between cultures, transmission and tolerance like **Hilaire Penda** (who was a guide during the three years between the 2 albums), **Manu Dibango** and **Tiken Jah Fakoly** who welcomed them in his Radio Libre room in Bamako. All encouraged the original way in which **Balaphonics** revisited African music, and were captivated by the ardor of their shows. On the strength of this recognition, the group was able to meet again, recharge their batteries, and unite the new team which marks with its sound imprint this new album including the balafonist **Ben Moroy**, **Brice Perda** on the soussaphone, and the percussionist-singer **Julien Cordin** at the origin of the songs *I Bissimila* and *Onalala*.



TRACKLISTING

- 01 - Spicy Boom Boom
ft. **Kandy Gulra**
- 02 - Demain Dès L'Aube
- 03 - Incredible Energy Vibes ft. **Franz Von** (K.O.G & the Zongo Brigade)
- 04 - Kokanisa Nabo
ft. **Jupiter & Okwess**
- 05 - Douba ft. **Moriba Diabate**
- 06 - Onalala
- 07 - Don't Know
- 08 - I Bissimila
- 09 - Golden Doudou
- 10 - A Taara ft. **Moriba Diabate**
- 11 - Balazurka
- 12 - Incredible Energy Vibes - Instru



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AFROBRASSBAND

To complete the production of this album, guests we met during the concerts immediately responded to **Balaphonics'** invitation: **Kandy Guira** (Les Amazones), **Jupiter & Okwess**, **Franz Von** (K.O.G. & The Zongo Brigade) and **Moriba Diabaté**.

SPICY BOOM BOOM: deceptively naive title from an album finally boxed, tracks fed by artistic encounters and a band ready to overflow from the jar. You will sometimes find the comfort of playing in the studio (*Demain dès L'Aube, I Bissimila, Balazurka*), but also the urgency of live (*Kokanisa Nabo, Spicy Boom Boom*) and the 2 tracks recorded in Bamako to which the group attaches a particular importance.

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Focus on 7 chosen tracks

SPICY BOOM BOOM ft Kandy Guira

THE recipe, the right one, the only one, the one that makes you get up from your seat to take possession of the dancefloor. The little spice that makes the difference, otherwise life would seem bland to us. Thanks to Kandy Guira for spicing up our music with a radiant singing.

DEMAIN DES L'AUBE

After a night of exquisite flavors and letting go, we have to regain the ranks of civilization and make our way through the codes of everyday life. Not yet well lunated, eyes in the dark, your soul tries to keep your feet on the ground so as not to completely lose face in the light of the last lampposts.

INCREDIBLE ENERGY VIBES ft Franz Von

It is when it is taken from us that we realize the essential. Entertainment? Variety? Festive or experimental music? No matter the form or the meaning that each one gives to it, the music heals our lost souls since the dawn of time and Franz Von, singer of KOG & The Zongo Brigade is in charge of paying him a homage as simple as sincere.

I BISSIMILAH : A kind of red carpet rolled out to the public: a welcome song that invites them to let go to fully enter the musical universe of Balaphonics

KOKANISA NABO : An indisputable stage piece, it marks the end of the concert, the moment when the audience comes in a rhythmic trance and carnival brassy riffs. Who better than the Jupiters to embody this ardor and bring the song to another horizon for this album.

DOUBA

A composition that was initially a tribute to the uprising of the people from Burkina, and by meeting the Malian griot Moriba Diabaté, Balaphonics rearranged this piece to make it the case for the voice of Moriba who, in his song, evokes the blessing of parents, very close to the traditions, exclusive encounter with the brassy sound of the Parisian combo.

A TAARA

Collective creation of the group recorded in Bamako. This track lays the foundations for the future of the group, galvanized by the vocals of Moriba Diabaté and a new consolidated team during this trip to Mali.



LINE UP :

Ben Moroy : Chromatic balafon
Thomas Carpentier : Electric guitar
Brice Perda : Soussaphone
Florent Berteau : Drums
Julien Cordin : Percussion and vocals
(*I Bissimila, Onalala*).
Nicolas Bongrand : Trombone & backing vocals
Aristide Gonçalves: Trumpet & backing vocals
Guillaume Grosso: Baryton sax, flute & backing vocals
Michaël Havard: Sax Tenor sax & backing vocals

Guests

Moriba Diabate : Vocals - *Douba, A Taara* (extraits de l'EP *Balamako*)
Kandy Guira : Vocals - *Spicy Boom Boom*
Jupiter & Okwess : Vocals - *Kokanisa Nabo*
Franz Von : Vocals - *Incredible Energy Vibes*

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