

The Bridge - African Music in Europe

African influences are present in Europe in a large variety of ways.

With our compilation we want to show which shapes temporary African music takes at present and in which flavours it can be found in Europe. We put our focus on these questions: how does the music of African artists living in Europe sound? Is it vice versa influenced by European music and culture? We also consider it interesting to follow the track backwards: what do European artists take home from their journeys to Africa and how do they incorporate their impressions and inspirations into their work?

This compilation strives to shed light on at least a few of these questions. We have already been able to get some talented musicians to commit themselves. **Tiliboo** is a band from Berlin which is formed by musicians coming from completely different cultural backgrounds. Singer Omar Diop stems from Senegal but collaborates with all local musicians creating a sound that comes into existence in a collective process.

Onom Agemo & The Disco Jumpers are German Jazz musicians that draw inspiration from Moroccan and Ethiopian music. The man behind Onom Agemo is Johannes Schleiermacher, who has worked on West African music with the **Woima Collective**, which in turn has already performed with Tony Allen.

Producer **Renegades of Jazz** has spent a part of his childhood in Tanzania and has proven his African roots with albums on Agogo and Matasuna Records containing dancefloor-oriented Afrotracks. His latest album „Moyo Wangu“ has sold out on vinyl in no time.

Youngster **Elias Agogo** is a passionate DJ as well as musician in a band called Sea Moya. Since he was very young he has been thrilled by the grooves of Tony Allen and the polyrhythmics of African music in general. He has grown up in rural Bavaria and after a few stops all over Germany his musical appetite has led him to Montreal, Canada in the autumn of 2017, where he wants to gain a foothold for at least a few years.

We are in talks with further musicians and producers and we'd be very happy to have you as a part of our project! Of course we can explain our concept to you in further depth if you wish!

The compilation is planned to be released digitally as well as on vinyl.

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