

NOUVELLE MUSIQUE SOLAR

FREEQUENCY OF DA SUN

A FILM BY JONATHAN OWADJA

Music - Documentary - Movie 40 min

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Language: english, french, sousou, malinke, swissgerman

Subtitled: english

Directed by: Jonathan Owadja & Emanuel Riederer

Camera & Editing & Cut: Jonathan Owadja

Music: NOUMUSO

Actors: Emanuel Riederer, Yamoussa Sylla, Sadio Cissokho, Nduduzo Makhathini, Dave Mäder, Scotty Williams, Koto, Ballet Wassasso and others

INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION THROUGH MUSIC AS A UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE ... AND A DECLARATION OF LOVE FOR AFRICA

The intercultural project NOUMUSO (nouvelle musique solar) with musicians from Guinea, Senegal, South Africa and Switzerland is accompanied by filmmaker Jonathan Owadja with the camera over several years and in different processes. Their vision is cultural exchange through music and the creation of new solar music by combining traditional African instruments like kora and djembé with universal jazz pianos and hip-hop-inspired beats.

The film version of their eponymous debut album FREEQUENCY OF DA SUN (2021 Sogue Records), arises from a trip to Guinea by Emanuel, the band's Swiss drummer and producer, with djembéfolo Yamoussa Sylla. Starting from their songs and their themes, they find the images for them in dance performances, school visits, everyday situations and in nature there. These visuals are combined with a concert impression of the band in Switzerland, a studio recording session for their next album with their Senegalese griot and kora player Sadio Cissokho and interviews with their pianist Nduduzo Makhathini, a Blue Note Records artist from South Africa to form a strong message that at the center is the sun, symbolic of an element that unites us all. In their musical and interpersonal encounters, questions arise: What can we learn from Africa? What does Africa need right now? How can Africa heal? What do African people in the diaspora need?

Repeatedly, their focus is on children, they, who embody our future: What do we want to give them on their journey? Within his debut film, Jonathan Owadja tells a big story with every little scene. Combined with the sonic magic world of NOUMUSO, the result is a multidimensional, inspiring and sensual film experience that transports the warmth of an entire continent.