

# PRESS RELEASE

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## The 12th LONDON AFRICAN MUSIC FESTIVAL 19th – 28th September 2014

The 2014 **London African Music Festival** will run for 10 days, across 16 London venues, produced by 10 producers under the direction of founder Biyi Adepegba of Joyful Noise.

**2014 line-up:** This year's festival features the likes of **BOMBINO** (Niger), **SEKOUBA BAMBINO** (Guinea), **KANDA BONGO MAN** (Congo), vocalist **GHALIA BENALI** (Tunisia), **RISE KAGONA** of **Bhundu Boys** fame (Malawi), **KING AYISOBA** (Ghana), vocalist **COCO MBASSI** (Cameroon) and violist **SAMY BISHAI** (Egypt). Making their London debut are Malian singer **MAMANI KEITA** (Mali) and Swedish/Senegalese couple **SOUSOU** and **MAHER CISSOKO**. **AFRI-KOKOA** presents **DIRECTION AFRICA** featuring **DJ FRANK GOSSNER** (**VOODOO FUNK RECORDS**) + **AFRI-KOKOA** DJs **AJ KWAME** and **BAGGY**.

Two mainstay of British-African music guitarist **ABDUL TEE-JAY** (Sierra Leone) and pianist **JUWON OGUNGBE** (UK/Nigeria) play solo in the afternoon at the Green Note Club. The British-Ghanaian funk band **YAABA FUNK** and Nigerian afrobeat band **THE RHYTHMS** are two bands that know how to put the funk in the grooves adding to the ten days of wonderful music.

*"The London African Music Festival is an impressively eclectic affair"*  
Robin Denselow, the Guardian

**This year's festival venues:** The Forge | Islington Assembly Hall | The Vortex Jazz Club | Green Note Club | Upstairs at the Ritz | Rich Mix | Hackney Attic | Charlton House | Café Oto | Passing Clouds | The Flyover Portobello | Canada Water Culture Space | Cargo | The Tabernacle | Hootananny Brixton | Union Chapel

### Listings information

The 12<sup>th</sup> London African Music Festival

**Dates:** 19 – 28 September 2014

**Venue:** Various venues across London – check [www.joyfulnoise.co.uk](http://www.joyfulnoise.co.uk) for full listings information

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