

Press kit · Reggae, dancehall, Afrobeats

Epixode & the KRUS band

Ghanaian reggae and dancehall with highlife in its bones, played live by a seven-piece band.

Role
Singer, songwriter, performer

Based in
Accra, Ghana

Genre
Reggae, dancehall, Afrobeats, highlife

Band
KRUS, formed 2023

Biography

Theophilus Nii Arday Otoo performs as Epixode: a Ghanaian singer and songwriter whose reggae and dancehall carry the imprint of indigenous highlife. He is also a creative director and a fine art painter.

Music was in the house before he was. His mother and her twin sister sang Ghanaian traditional music and toured with big bands and traditional troupes in the early nineties; his father was a devoted listener who worked as a civil servant. Epixode began performing at school fairs and represented his school in competitions.

On stage he is known as the Energy God. The songs move between dancehall, Afrobeats, reggae and highlife, and the writing tends to carry an argument as well as a hook.

“Chooboi” and the Grammy ballot

In 2025 his single *Chooboi* passed the Recording Academy's first-round screening and was accepted for Grammy consideration in the Best African Music Performance category — placing it on the ballot from which nominations are drawn.

Chooboi takes on galamsey, the illegal gold mining that has poisoned rivers and farmland across Ghana. It is built on his usual fusion of dancehall and highlife, and it carried that argument into rooms a protest song does not usually reach.

The KRUS band

KRUS was formed in 2023. The name is the local pronunciation of “crew”, and the band is exactly that: young Ghanaian players, producers and instrumentalists, several of them award winners in their own right, with Epixode at the front.

Together they play dancehall, Afrobeats, reggae and live African rhythms. They have toured Europe, the UK and across Africa, and the live show is what the band is known for.

Awards

Music for Good Award	Ghana Music Awards, 2025
Reggae and Dancehall Artiste of the Year	Vodafone Ghana Music Awards, 2021
Best Reggae/Dancehall Artiste	22nd Vodafone Ghana Music Awards
Highlife Song of the Year	Ghana Music Awards UK, 2023
Reggae Dancehall Song	Ghana Music Awards, 2023
Performer of the Year	3Music Awards
Africa's Most Promising Act	African Youth Choice Awards, 2015
Best Music Video	Bass Awards, 2016
Nominee	IRAWMA Awards, 2021

On stage in Europe, 2025

Germany

Hofwerkstatt
WDR Cosmo
KRUS Live in Paderborn
Afromuse Festival

United Kingdom

Shindig Festival
Glastonferret, Preston
Greenbelt Festival
MauiMaui Festival
Ghana 68th Independence
GMA

Netherlands

The Hague African Festival
Sankofa Music Tour
Super Sonic Jazz

France

Musicales Antirouille
Festival RDV

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What you book

Epixode with the full KRUS band, or a reduced formation for smaller stages. Tell us the stage and the budget and we will propose the line-up.

Travel

The band travels from Accra and tours Europe regularly. Visas and invitation letters are handled by us, so an early decision helps.

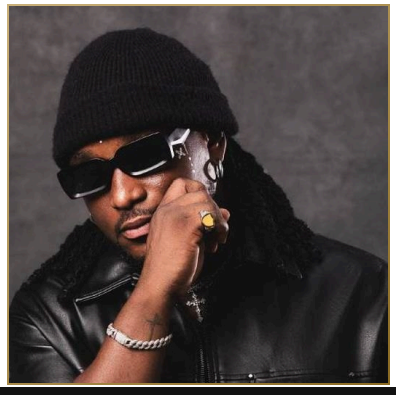
Technical

A full technical rider is available: backline, patch list, drum and cymbal specification.

Photos









Recordings

Chooboi	Single, 2025
Atia (Hilife rendition)	feat. Kwabena Kwabena
Jehovah	feat. Stonebwoy
Mene Woa	feat. Sarkodie
Bodybody	feat. Mr Eazi — from the album *Spar Junkiez*

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