

Press kit · acoustic folk, afro and blues

Préfet
Adama Baldé

Kora, ngoni and calabash inside an acoustic band, and a voice that carries five languages.

Role
Voice, guitar

Based in
Dakar, Senegal

From
Kolda, Casamance

Band
Fulani Melody Band, since 2012

Biography

Préfet — Adama Baldé — was born in Kolda, in the south of Senegal. The Casamance region he grew up in is known for its mix of peoples: Fulani, Mandingo, Diola and Manjacque, in the country historically called Fouladou. He was recognised as a singer by family and friends as early as 1994, won prizes at regional competitions, and in 1997 took part in the televised *Oscar de Vacances* in Dakar with a group from his region.

He taught himself guitar alongside the singing, and from 2008 toured Europe as a guitarist — Spain, France, and England in 2009. Those journeys widened what he played and brought the experience back with him.

In 2012 he founded the Fulani Melody Band, bringing kora, ngoni and calabash into his own writing. He sings in Pulaar, Wolof, Mandinka, French and English, about love, peace, solidarity and education. His debut album *Woma Woma* came out in 2015 on Blue Saxo and brought him recognition at home and abroad.

Career

1994	Recognised as a singer in Kolda; prizes at regional competitions
1997	*Oscar de Vacances*, Dakar, televised nationally
2008	Tours Europe as a guitarist — Spain and France
2009	England
2012	Founds the Fulani Melody Band
2015	Debut album *Woma Woma*, on Blue Saxo

Sings in

Pulaar · Wolof · Mandinka · Français · English

Live & for programmers

What you book

Five on stage: voice and electro-acoustic guitar, solo guitar, bass, ngoni and calabashes, with backing vocals. Solo voice and guitar is possible for smaller rooms.

Travel

He travels from Dakar. A Schengen or UK visa and an invitation letter are needed, and we handle that paperwork with the festival.

Technical

A technical sheet is available: six channels, DI for guitar and ngoni, three SM57 for the calabashes, a guitar amp and a bass amp from the venue.
Open the technical rider

Photos





Recordings

Woma Woma — Debut album, 2015 — Blue Saxo

Booking

For festivals, concerts and collaborations, get in touch:

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