

Press kit · Afropop

Samba Sene & Diwan

Funky mbalax and Afrobeat grooves, woven with flashes of ska and reggae, from an international collective out of Edinburgh.

Role
Lead vocal, guitar

Based in
Edinburgh, Scotland

From
Dakar, Senegal

Band
Diwan, five on stage

Biography

Fronted by the charismatic Senegalese vocalist, Samba Sene & Diwan is an international collective united by a shared global outlook and a deep love of West African rhythm. Their sound is an exuberant, dance-driven fusion: funky mbalax and Afrobeat grooves woven with flashes of ska and reggae. Expect original songs delivered with impassioned vocals, infectious guitar licks, and a live energy that keeps the floor moving.

Born in Dakar, Samba relocated to Scotland in 2000 and has been based in Edinburgh ever since. His singing and songwriting draw from a wide palette, from traditional Senegalese music through to funk, rock and ska, with influences including Baaba Maal — a formative mentor — Bob Marley, Van Morrison, Paul Simon, Alpha Blondy and Aswad.

His songs explore love, equal rights and pure celebration. They are always upbeat, uplifting, and meant to be shared.

Recordings



Remind Me (Fatalima) — Album — ten tracks

TRACKLIST

- Yonambi
- Keman
- Mayla
- Lolambe
- Yaye Anna
- Thiaroye
- Alone
- Adunabi
- Warouna
- Africa

Festivals and major concerts

Jul 2025	HebCelt, Scotland — main stage
Aug 2024	Belladrum Festival, Scotland — main stage

Jan 2024	Celtic Connections, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall — opening for Angélique Kidjo

Press

> *“Exuberant, richly layered…” — The Scotsman, four stars*

> *“A vibrant rainbow of colourful beats and rhythms.” — Edinburgh Spotlight, five stars*

> *“An asset to the Scottish scene… catch them live if you can.” — The List, four stars*

> *“A blistering tequila sunrise of a gig… not to be missed.” — Broadway Baby, four stars*

Live & for programmers

What you book

Five on stage: lead vocal and guitar, two more guitars, bass with backing vocals, and drums.

Travel

Based in Edinburgh, so UK dates travel by road and European dates by a short flight. No long-haul routing to budget for.

Technical

A full technical rider is available: stage plot, microphones, five separate monitor mixes — in-ears preferred — and the backline we ask of the venue.

Open the technical rider

Photos





















Listen & watch

YouTube

youtube.com/sambadiwan

Bandcamp

sambasene.bandcamp.com

Live video

youtube.com/watch?v=UoDnI4TcDfE

Spotify

open.spotify.com/artist/4H3avtEvnmOfXyMcnX39OD

SoundCloud

soundcloud.com/samba-sene-and-diwan/sets/remind-me-fatalima

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