

Désiré  
Sankara

## Discover the rhythms of Burkina Faso

Singer, songwriter and composer Désiré Sankara invites you to discover the traditional rhythms of Burkina Faso, arranged for acoustic guitar in all their variety and richness: the *Warba* (dance music for baptismal and other ceremonies); the *Wennega* (dance rhythms of joy and happiness); the *Liwaga* (*mossi* folklore from Yatenga province) and the *Kiègba* (dance music specially made for women and their shaking posteriors!).

Désiré Sankara grew up in Ouagadougou, the capital of Burkina Faso. From his earliest years, he was surrounded by the stories, legends and proverbs of the *mossi* tradition, all brought to the household from the communities in the surrounding villages. His music is centred on themes related to traditional folklore and everyday life in the villages, encouraging respect for ancient customs and friendship between the various ethnic groups and tribes. His songwriting is in *Mooré*, his mother tongue.

Turning a modern ear towards the tradition and mysterious fantasy of the old world, he gives an original festive and sometimes nostalgic colour to the traditional rhythms of those times, which he occasionally blends in more western sounds, while preserving their original African feel.

Désiré Sankara is presently touring in quartet formation, together with drummer Tommy Milharo, base guitarist Fabien Janicic and the solo guitarist Michael Avron.



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## A couple of references



### TV & Radio podcasts

Music4live	Couleur Piment	April 19, 2013
RTB	Ça se passe à la télé	February 17, 2013
2SER	Curved Radio	December 21, 2011
RFI	Plein Sud	October 5, 2009
	RFI Playlist	in November 2011

### Concerts

Désiré Sankara appears regularly on the Parisian stage at venues such as Le Limonaire, L'Ogresse, L'Olympic Café, etc. He has also made appearances at the following venues:

Institut Français, **Ouagadougou** January 17, 2014

Farafina Café, Shrine, Silvana Café **New York** September 18-20-26-28, 2013

Alliance Française **Bahrain** Week of Francophonie March 23, 2013

Atelier du Théâtre **Burkinabé Ouagadougou** Invited by Roukiata Ouédraogo  
February 22 & March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013

Festival RDV Chez Vous **Ouagadougou** Invited by Alif Naaba February 17, 2013

Carrefour International du Théâtre de **Ouagadougou (CITO) Ouagadougou**  
May 25, 2012

Orangerie **Pessac** Twinning committee Banfora – Pessac May 24, 2011

Centre Barbara **Paris** Charity Concert with Sally Nyolo February 19, 2011

Musée du Quai Branly **Paris** Salon de lecture Jacques Kerchache June 26, 2010

Werkstatt der Kulturen **Berlin** Invited by the band Lanaya June 11, 2010

Les Halles **Bram** Twinning committee Bram – Soum March 27, 2010

Le Bijou **Toulouse** May 15, 2009

Festival Métissage **Paris** July 1st, 2007

French Ambassador's Residence in **Ghana Accra** Charity concert with  
harmonicist Jean-Jacques Milteau March 24, 2007

### Soundtracks

News réel, a magazine on FESPACO by **Gaston Kaboré** - Mars 2013

Paris Mon Paradis, a documentary by **Eléonore Yaméogo** - 2011

