

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, Saraaba, L'Ogresse, L'Olympic Café, etc. He has also made appearances at the following venues:

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

Atelier du Théâtre Burkinabé Ouagadougou Invited by Roukiata Ouédraogo
February 22 & March 2nd, 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*