THAIS DIARRA EPK



As a young writer, composer and Afrosoul singer Thaïs Diarra has always raised questions with her texts, whilst carrying a message of positivity. In 2002, Thaïs Diarra went back to her roots, travelling from Mali to Senegal which became her second home. Here, she met renowned rapper Didier Awadi and in 2004 she was welcomed as a member to the PBS Radical group. Together they toured Africa and Europe where Thaïs did recordings and collaborations.

In 2005 she met Swiss musician and producer Fred Hirschy (Tumi Molekane, Fredy Massamba), with whom she collaborated on a regular basis. The results of this musical cross-pollination are evident in Métisse – Thaïs Diarra's first solo album that came out in 2013. Recorded in Switzerland and Senegal, the essence of Métisse is in its mixture of African instruments such as kora and balafon, with new American soul vibes. Several prominent musicians participated on Métisse, including Didier Awadi, Fredy Massamba and Noumoucounda Cissoko. The texts are in English, French, Wolof and Bambara.

With this album she started the successful "Afrosoul Tour" in Switzerland, Senegal, Kenya, Rwanda and Tanzania where her music received a warm welcome. She also performed at the renowned Sauti za Busara festival in Zanzibar in 2015.

2015 was the perfect time for the second album. She worked with a bigger production for her new music including horns and the inclusion of more reggae to her recipe of african traditional sounds and soul. This album was produced by Fred Hirschy as well as composed by him and Thaïs Diarra. It speaks about hope and self-confidence, it's a celebration of Women, femininity and sisterhood. Her experience in music made her proudly realize how much women are starting to embrace themselves. When women rise, the whole nation rises with her. She wants to dedicate this album to these women of ambition that are still fighting for respect and equality, especially in Africa.

DISCOGRAPHY



METISSE (2013)

- 1. Music and me (listen)
- 2. Africa Dieye (listen)
- 3. Be mine (<u>listen</u>)
- 4. Bul tit feat. Xuman (listen)
- 5. Déracinée feat. Awadi (listen)
- 6. Afro soul (<u>listen</u>)
- 7. Destiny (interlude) (listen)
- 8. Mali feat. Pheno (listen)
- 9. Thaïs ne na feat. Burni (listen)
- 10. Just a child feat. Fredy Massamba (listen)
- 11. Freedom time (listen)



DANAYA (2015)

- Wolu naa len (<u>listen</u>)
 Dream on feat. Blitz the Ambassador (<u>listen</u>)
- 3. Tribal feat. Goundo Cissoko (listen)
- 4. Miss you (<u>listen</u>)
- 5. Kanou (listen)
- 6. Interlude 1 (listen)
- 7. Al dioulo faye (<u>listen</u>)
- 8. Torture (<u>listen</u>)
 9. Diaspora (<u>listen</u>)
- 10. Who I am (listen)
- 11. Interlude 2 (listen)
- 12. 1000 miles (listen)
- 13. It's all love (listen)
- 14. Musso (<u>listen</u>)

PHOTOS









VIDEOS



1000 miles/it's all love (play video)

Africa Dieye (play video)





Thaïs ne na (live) (<u>play video</u>)

Kanou (live) (play video)



TECH RIDER

Thaïs Diarra usually tours with a 5 or 6-piece band, however she's open to receive and consider all offers.

- 1) Thaïs Diarra drums bass guitar kora 2) Thaïs Diarra drums -bass guitar kora balafon

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