

HARMONY'S BRASS BAND



PRESENTATION DOSSIER

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BIOGRAPHY

Created and led by trombonist **Florentin KOUDJOU**, Harmony's Brass Band is a festive Beninese brass band founded in 2016.

This eclectic team of six young and dynamic Beninese musicians mixes the joy of life from New Orleans, modern jazz, and African rhythms in every performance.

Since 2016, they have performed throughout Benin, across Africa, and around the world, strengthening their reputation through participation in several international markets and renowned festivals such as **JAZZ À VIENNE** (Vienne, FR) ; **NORTH SEA JAZZ FESTIVAL** (Rotterdam, NL) ; **AFRIKA FESTIVAL** (Hertme, NL) ; **BOGOTÁ MUSIC MARKET** (Bogotá, COL) ; **FESTIVAL DE JAZZ TEATRO SUCRE** (Quito, EQ) ; **CAVE À MUSIQUE** (Mâcon, FR) ; **CENTRO NACIONAL DE LAS ARTES DELIA ZAPATA OLIVELLA** (Bogotá, COL), **VISA FOR MUSIC** (Rabat, MAR), **SFINKS FESTIVAL** (Boechout, BEL), **JAZZ SOUS LES POMMIERS** (Coutances, FR), **BANLIEUES BLEUES** (Paris, FR), **MOMPOX FESTIJAZZ** (Mompox, COL), **MUSICAL'ÉTÉ** (Annemasse, FR), **FESTIVAL NO CONVENCIONAL** (Bogotá, COL), **CUIVRES EN DOMBES** (Dombes & Mionnay, FR), **HAIZETARA** (Amorebieta, ESP), **AUDITORIO LEÓN DE GREIFF** (Bogotá, COL), **BANDAFOLIES** (Bessines, FR), **FESTIVAL DU MONASTIER** (Monastier, FR), **LATINO POWER** (Bogotá, COL), **FESTIVAL DE CONFOLENS** (Confolens, FR), **FESTIVAL MÚSICAS DEL MUNDO** (San Francisco, COL), **FESTIVAL DE JAZZ DE LOS ANDES** (Bogotá, COL), **CHÂTEAU DU ROZIER** (Feurs, FR), **PANADERÍA MISTRAL** (Bogotá, COL), **JARDINS DE L'APOSTROPHE** (Mazé-Milon, FR), etc.

Fusion, complexity, and overflowing energy are the qualities found both in their interpretation of Beninese variety standards and in their original compositions.

Wherever you look, everything shakes, creaks, and sways when Harmony's Brass Band takes the stage. A must-see and must-hear!

«Harmony's Brass Band, the revelation of a signature music.»

LINE UP (1)

Florentin KOUDJOU S. : Trombone
Parfait TCHANVOEDOU D. : Trumpet
Boris HOUNSOU D. : Flugelhorn



KOUDJOU S. Florentin : Trombone

Leader of Harmony's Brass Band, Florentin is a passionate trombonist who has always sought to "make music differently." Since 2016, he has led the team with leadership and dedication, showing incredible commitment and strong research skills.

TCHANVOEDOU D. Parfait : Trumpet

Born to a trumpeter father, Parfait discovered the trumpet at an early age and quickly became passionate about it. Self-taught, he is today one of the most promising young trumpeters on the Beninese scene. Brilliant, he is a true asset to Harmony's Brass Band.



HOUNSOU D. Boris : Flugelhorn

Joining the band in January 2022, Boris is an enthusiastic trumpeter, methodical in his work. He shows great concentration and an outstanding ability to adapt. Dynamic and emotional in his expression, his ability to captivate an audience is simply incredible.



LINE UP (2)

Jean-Baptiste MAKON : Percussions

Sem AKLAMAVO E. : Percussions

Thiéry KOUDJOU F. : Sousaphone



MAKON Jean-Baptiste : Percussions

A highly dedicated musician, Jean-Baptiste is a versatile percussionist who constantly impresses his peers. Tenacious and extremely skilled, whether in traditional African rhythms or contemporary sounds, he is a true inspiration for his generation.

AKLAMAVO E. Sem : Percussions

Sem is a richly creative and virtuoso young percussionist. He masterfully handles a wide range of traditional Beninese and African percussion instruments, reflecting his rigor and research.

Also a dancer, he is a very active and tireless member, a wellspring of potential.



KOUDJOU F. Thiéry : Sousaphone

Initially a trumpeter, Thiéry felt torn between leaving his first instrument and the joy of guiding his companions. He quickly rose to the challenge and has since become one of the best young tubists in Benin. He displays brilliant virtuosity, incredible energy, and determination, constantly striving to surpass himself.

TOURS

GERMANY & FRANCE TOUR 2025

(February & May-June)

- 11/02 : **Theater Gütersloh**, Gütersloh
12/02 : **Jazz Schmiede**, Düsseldorf
13/02 : **Teo Otto Theater**, Remscheid
14/02 : **Josefschule**, Herne
14/02 : **Consol Theater**, Gelsenkirchen
15/02 : **Cultureel Centrum DE X - QBUS**, Leiden
16/02 : **Domicil** - Forum Jazz & Creative Music, Dortmund
17/02 : **Universitätsstadt**, Siegen
18/02 : **Kulturbahnh**, Hamm
20/02 : **INSEL**, Wuppertal
21/02 : **Hangar 21**, Detmold
22/02 : **Africa Alive Festival**, Frankfurt
23/02 : **Stadthalle**, Meschede
24/02 : **Trauzimmer Marina Rünthe**, Bergkamen



Wirbelten über die Bühne des Theatersaals: Die Musiker der Harmony's Brass Band spielten Power Brass in der Tradition westafrikanischer Rail Bands und wurden vom Publikum mit begeistertem Applaus belohnt.
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- 22 – 26/05 : **Festival Jazz sous les pommiers**, Coutances
27/05 : **LA MARINE**, Vannes - Bretagne
28/05 : **LA FONTAINE**, Vannes-Bretagne
30/05 – 01/06 : **Festival Etoile-sur-Rhône**
05/06 : **Dynamo - Banlieue Bleue**, Pantin



EUROPE TOUR 2024

(June – August)

21/06 - **FETE DE LA MUSIQUE**, Roussillon (Fr)

22/06 - **LES CHIMERES**, Saint-Gaultier (Fr)

23/06 - **JARDINS DE L'APOSTROPHE**, Mazé-Milon (Fr)

27 au 30/06 - **JAZZ A VIENNE**, Vienne (Fr)

06 & 07/07 - **AFRIKA FESTIVAL**, Hertme (Hol)

10/07 - **BAL ANCEY**, Dijon (Fr)

12 au 14/07 - **NORTH SEA JAZZ FESTIVAL**, Rotterdam (Hol)

19/07 - **MUSICAL'ÉTÉ**, Annemasse (Fr)

20/07 - **ESTIVALES DE SAINT-GEORGES**, Saint-Georges d'Espéranche (Fr)

22/07 - **CUIVRES EN DOMBES**, Mionnay (Fr)

25 au 28/07 - **SFINKS MIXED FESTIVAL**, Beochout (Belg)

30/07 - **QUARTIERS D'ÉTÉ**, Courneuve (Fr)

31/07 & 01/08 - **ÎLE D'ARZ**, Bretagne (Fr)

04/08 - **FESTIVAL DU MONASTIER**, Monastier (Fr)

08/08 - **LA VOLGA**, Montluçon (Fr)

12 au 18/08 - **FESTIVAL DE CONFOLENS**, Confolens (Fr)

21/08 - **FESTIBAL**, Couarde-Sur-Mer (Fr)



COLOMBIA & EQUATOR 2024

(August – September)

31/08 – **BARRO**, El retiro Antioquia (Col)

05/09 – **CENTRO NACIONAL DE LAS ARTES DELIA ZAPATA OLIVELLA**, Bogotá

06/09 – **LATINO POWER**, Bogotá (Col)

10/09 – **BOGOTÁ MUSIC MARKET**, Bogotá (Col)

14/09 – **FESTIVAL DE JAZZ DE MOMPOX**, Mompox Bolivar (Col)

15/09 – **PANADERIA MISTRAL**, El Nogal (Col)

17/09 – **AUDITORIO LEON DE GREIFF**, Bogotá (Col)

21/09 – **FESTIVAL DE JAZZ UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES**, Bogotá (Col)

22/09 – **FESTIVAL MUSICAS DEL MUNDO**, San Fransisco Cundinamarca (Col)

27/09 – **FESTIVAL NO CONVENCIONAL**, Bogotá (Col)

29/09 – **FESTIVAL DE JAZZ TEATRO SUCRE**, Quito (Equa)



BENIN TOUR 2024

(October)

03/10 : **CENTRE JKL**, Agoué

04/10 : **LA FABRIQUE**, Comè

05/10 : **MAISON ARC-EN-CIEL**, Savalou

08/10 : **CENTRE DES JEUNES**, Pèrèrè

10/10 : **CENTRE DE LOISIRS CAPITAINE LEMAN**, Kandi

12/10 : **JAZZ TATA**, Natitingou



EUROPE TOUR 2023 (Juin & Juillet)

11/06 : LA FILANTE (Fr, Pélussin 42)

16/06 : L'AFFOLEUSE (Fr, Denicé)

18/06 : 40ANS DU COMITE DES FETES (Fr, Chapelle-de-Surieu)

18/06 : FETE DES JEUNES (Fr, Tupin-et-Semons)

21/06 : FETE DE LA MUSIQUE (Fr, Lyon)

23 - 25/06 : CONCOURS INTERNATIONAL HAIZETARA (Esp, Amorebieta)

27/06 : ECOLE DE MUSIQUE MUSIC'85 (Fr, Oullins)

1-2/07 : AFRIKA FESTIVAL (Hol, Hertme)

05/07 : JAZZ A VIENNE (Fr, Vienne)

06/07 : CAVE A MUSIQUE (Fr, Mâcon)

07/07 : JAZZ A VIENNE (Fr, Vienne)

08/07 : LA GUINGUETTE DES BERGES (Fr, Jarcieu)

13-16/07 : FESTIVAL BANDAFOLIE'S (Fr, Bessines-sur-Gartempe)

20-21/07 : FESTIVAL CUIVRES EN DOMBES (Fr, Dombes)

23/07 : MONTCENIS SONORE #2 (Fr, Montcenis)

28-29/07: CHATEAU DE GOUTELAS & ROZIER (Fr, Feurs)



QUELQUES AUTRES DATES

CHANTE & DANSE AVEC L'AMAZONE : 2025

NETHERLANDS NATIONAL DAY IN BENIN : 2025

SOFITEL MARINA COTONOU INAUGURATION : 2024

« LA B'AZ » CULTURAL CENTER : 2024

FESTIVAL RENCONTRE DES FANFARES DU BENIN : 2023 ; 2024 & 2025

TOGOVILLE JAZZ FESTIVAL (Togo) : 2023

FRENCH INSTITUT OF PARAKOU : 2023

VISA FOR MUSIC (Maroc) : 2023

CONCERT AT PALAIS DES CONGRES DU BENIN : 2023

FRENCH INSTITUT OF BENIN (Cotonou) : 2019 ; 2020 ; 2022 & 2023

FESTIVAL WIND MELODY (Togo) : 2022

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF PORTO-NOVO : éditions 2019 & 2022

CULTURAL & ARTISTIC CENTER "OUADADA" : 2019 & 2022

FESTIVAL MUSICARAVANE : 2018 ; 2019 & 2020



ALBUM



1st Album : « EWLIZO »

Release Date: September 15, 2025

Listen : <https://amplink.harmonysbrassband-ewlizo>

Video : https://youtu.be/nSe44_IC4M8?si=u_GlbeEC-VEz0HOi

ABOUT THIS ALBUM

Reflecting musical influences and history, “Ewlizo” is a debut album sailing between feelings and emotions.

With guests such as **Robinson Khoury & Mickaël Ballue** (France), **Laurent Blondiau** (Belgium), **Corey Wilkes** (Chicago), **Sam Isaac & Jespel Ayetolou** (Benin), this first album highlights the richness of artistic encounters with unique and original particularities.

With this album, Harmony’s Brass Band intends to step further into the spotlight of concerts and the joy of meeting audiences.

It is no longer a dream, no longer a wish, no longer a hope. The reality is here. Harmony’s Brass Band is here.

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