

African Showboyz Bio

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Hailing from a small village in Ghana, West Africa; Napoleon, Joseph, Issac, Francis and JJ Sabbah emerge. The African Showboyz are from Binaba. This tribal quintet is a unique blend and remarkable experience of African drum, dance, and adrenaline. In Binaba, the drum is a cultural symbol used for celebrating child birthing, naming a child, marriage and funeral ceremonies, as well as festivities marking the planting and harvesting of crops. Through their dances all these stories are told.

Napoleon, the elder of the brothers, had a vision at a very early age; to embark on a world journey to play music with his Brothers. Napoleon and Joseph (next in line) started making instruments from the bones and hides from the village's kill. The 3rd Brother, named Isaac was taught village dances to accompany Napoleon's kone and Joseph's siyak, these are the instruments made from the bones & hide. And in 1983 the three Sabbah boys set out on two bicycles to play for the neighboring villages. Later, JJ and Moses joined the group playing the bin bill and tonton sanson and the African Showboyz emerged. In the years to follow they added the youngest Brother Francis to the group when Moses left to start his solo career.

They started playing neighboring countries and performed before enthusiastic audiences in Togo, Benin, Nigeria, Chad, Cameroun, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Libya, Ligeria and Cote d' Ivoire, while collaborating and sharing the stage with Fela Kuti, Femi Kuti, Alpha Blondy, Freddie Meiwey, Ras Kimono and Stevie Wonder.

In Binaba, there is no electricity, nor an opportunity for education, but through sheer determination and an intense respect for humanity; the African Showboyz have bridged borders; mesmerizing and enchanting audiences throughout Africa, U.S., France, Canada and Germany.

In 2012 the band joined Mickey Hart on two U.S. tours from California to New York, then they spent 2 months touring the Northwest and Canada. They played 30 Steve & Kate Camps, multiple music festivals and a dozen of concert series in parks in 2013. They are coming back to tour in 2018 starting in April.