

NEW ALBUM RELEASE



Artist:

FAMARA

Title:

Karibu

Order number:

NG 01211-2

Label:

N-Gage Productions

Distribution:

Musikvertrieb AG

Style:

**Reggae
(Afro-Reggae/World)**



Description:

CD (Album)

Release date:

Friday, March 7th 2014

Short info:

As one of the most active as well as popular Swiss Reggae acts, FAMARA has already successfully released 8 albums with his refreshing mix of Afro-Reggae, Dub and World music. However, FAMARA's output seems to be endless after more than 15 years! After a short creative break, the Reggae pioneer is ready to present his newest work.

«KARIBU» - meaning *welcome* - is the clever title of his latest offering which boasts a wide array of excellent musicians on the thirteen sunny and varied songs (incl. the intro). Top class riddims, a phat Hornsection, harmonious backing vocals, but also a Blues harmonica, ensure the typical unmistakable World-reggae-sound, ignite first class fireworks and drive FAMARA to top form on his 9th album. This is proven, for example, by the first single «Reggae made in Switzerland» (No. 6) which definitely leaves you wanting more - earthy, rootsy, relaxed and hugely catchy. A refreshing reggae classic with hit potential!

FAMARA did not travel to Gambia or Jamaica to do the recordings - no, he went to «One-Drop Studio» in Basel! There, the authentic work was produced under the wings of Eric Gut, Matthias Tobler (both The Scruicalists) and Rainer Schudel. The new album was mastered by Dan Suter (echochamber, Zurich).

«KARIBU» - *welcome* is also the name of the Release-Tour, which will be supported by a prominent Backing-Band. For example, on March 8th in the Kaserne Basel where his new 'silver ware' will be festively christened - welcome back FAMARA!

Marketing and Promotion:

- Radio, print, online and tv promotion by N-Gage
- Advertise in 20 Minuten
- Banner on Reggae.ch & Cede.ch
- Promotion tour, starting March 28.02. Bern, Mahogany
- 08.03. Basel, Kaserne
- 28.03. Stäfa, Kulturkarussell Rössli
- 12.04. Gams SG, S-Event
- 02.05. Schaffhausen, Kammgam
- 03.05. Zürich, Mundwerk
- Infos and downloads: www.famara.ch

Shortfacts:

- CH-Album-Charts Top 100:
2012 «TheCosmopolitan» Platz 70
2010 «TSOF» Platz 70
2008 «Oreba» Platz 70
2005 «Double Culture» Platz 75
- CH-Airplay-Charts Top 100:
2012 «Mondomix» Platz 71
- World Music Charts Europe:
2010 CD «TSOF» Platz 19

Tracklisting:

01. Intro
02. Sun
03. Danga Danger
04. Jah Light
05. Supa Muso
06. Reggae Made In Switzerland
07. Nama S Song
08. Djembeka
09. Vanille And Chocolate
10. Tropical Jogger
11. Mr. Tamtam
12. Superstar Yako
13. Ärdig Rootsig

FAMARA HISTORY

FAMARA, civil name Thomas Nikkles, grew up as a son of a fabricant family in Leimtal (Switzerland). After the participation at a percussion workshop in 1984, his interest in african music could not be stopped again.

Only after a few solo appearances, different Afro- and Latinbands invited him to perform with them. At one of those performances with the Basler Rapgirl «Luana» he switched from percussion performer to a raggamuffin singer. The first single «Sunshine Blubber» (1987) could get some resonance in Switzerland but only with the move to Gambia (1988) he got the appreciation he deserved. The «Gambia Weekend Observer» wrote after a concert which was organized for the independence day of Gambia, where he played for 15'000 People; «Swiss reggae star in town».

On his second visit to Gambia he toured various venues and also recorded the album «Natural Fact» which was released in 1999. In 2000 he toured through Mali, Senegal and Gambia.

After many concerts and TV interviews in Switzerland and the rest of the world including an appearance with «YOUSSOU N'DOUR» and «TIKEN JAH FAKOLY», the emergence of the albums «Natural Fact» 1999, «Sunlife» 2001, «Toubab Man» 2003, «Famasound» 2004, «Double Culture» 2005, «Oreba» 2008 and «The Sound Of Famara» 2010, he is ready with the new album «The Cosmopolitan». With over 500 shows in Switzerland so far, including almost every big festival at home and abroad (Gampel, St. Gallen, Frauenfeld, Heitere, Summerjam, Cheimsee, Rototom Sunsplash etc.), as well as concerts with «SEED», «GENTLEMAN» and «ZIGGY MARLEY», FAMARA is one of the most active and successful Swiss-Reggae acts!

FAMARA MEMBERS

FAMARA - Thomas Nikles	Vocals, Percussion
backed by	
Peter Wagner	Keyboards
(u.a. Sina, the voice of switzerland)	
Magor Szilagyi	Guitars
(u.a. The Voyageurs)	
Rainer Schudel	Bass
(u.a. The Voyageurs)	
Gianni Lanzilotti	Drums
(u.a. Fusion Square Garden)	
Simon Hirsiger	Horn (Trombone)
(u.a. Boost, Moonraisers)	
Joel Graf	Horn (Saxophone)
(u.a. pommelHORSE)	

FAMARA DISCOGRAPHY

2012 «The Cosmopolitan»	Album	N-Gage (NG 01210-2)
2010 «TSOF»	Album	N-Gage (NG 01206-2)
2008 «Oreba»	Album	N-Gage (NG 01205-2)
2005 «Double Culture»	Album	N-Gage (NG 01204-2)
2004 «Famasound»	Album	N-Gage (NG 01203-2)
2003 «Toubab Man»	Album	N-Gage (NG 01201)
2001 «Sunlife»	Album	N-Gage (NG 01202)
1999 «Natural Fact»	Album	N-Gage (NG 01209-2)
1998 «Jamou»	EP	N-Gage (NG 01208-2)
1997 «Sunshine Bubbler»	EP	N-Gage (NG 01207-2)

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