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NG 01213-2	FAMARA «Tembo Power»	CD Album (Download/Stream)	22.09.2023	7640172464274



Tracklist:

01. Famaranisch (3:36) – 2# Single (VÖ dig. 30.06.23)
02. Big Brother (4:35) – 3# Single (VÖ dig. 04.08.23)
03. Voodoo Child (3:20)
04. Café Tilibo (3:25)
05. Sag Mal (3:44) – 1# Single (VÖ digital 26.05.23)
06. Peace (3:27)
07. The Healer (4:31) – 4# Single (VÖ digital 08.09.23)
08. Lokole (3:45)
09. Money Rules (3:06)

Total Playtime: 33:35

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Genre: Reggae (Afro-Reggae/World)

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Description:

The Basel reggae artist FAMARA is back and releases his tenth studio album «Tembo Power»!

FAMARA has been writing and shaping Swiss reggae history since he appeared in 1997 as a reggamuffin singer, and since the release of his first album «Natural Fact» in 1999. The reggae bird of paradise has succeeded in combining reggae, dub and world music into a refreshing and very unique 'Afro-Reggae' mix. Even his energetic live shows electrify after a few bars. FAMARA has already shared the stage with Seeed, Gentleman, Ziggy Marley, Youssu N'Dour, Alpha Blondy and Tiken Jah Fakoly - he is probably one of the most active and certainly one of the most successful CH reggae acts!

After a longer creative break, the reggae old master is now back in Switzerland with a new album in his luggage: «Tembo Power», *elephant power* is the name of the energetic, robust title of his new work, which will be released in Switzerland at the beginning of autumn 2023. A large and excellent array of musicians contribute to the nine sunny and varied songs. Top-class riddims, fat brass sections and polyphonic backing vocals, but also an accordion ensure the typical and unmistakable world reggae sound - FAMARA ignites its fireworks of African dialects, French choruses, Swiss German and High German verses. This is proven, for example, by the first pre-single «Sag Mal», which will be released worldwide as a download/stream on May 26, 2023 and makes you want more - earthy, rootsy, easy, touching and enormously catchy. A simple but uniquely refreshing and stylish 'Afro-Reggae' track!

For the recordings, FAMARA did not travel to Gambia or Jamaica - no, to the «Groovefactory» studio in Bern. The authentic work was created there in collaboration with Matthias Urech (including Troubas Kater) and Rainer Schudel (including Famara). The new album was mastered by Oli Bösch (Livingroomstudio, Bern).

The album is a powerful yet touching work, designed to encourage listeners to embrace and overcome their own challenges. With «Tembo Power» FAMARA proves once again that he is one of the most talented and original reggae artists in Switzerland - welcome back, FAMARA!

Selling Points:

- well over 500 shows in Switzerland and on his European tours (D/A/F//SK), including pretty much all major festivals at home and abroad (Gampel, St. Gallen, Frauenfeld, Heitere, Montreux Jazz, Lumnezia, Reeds, Summerjam, Chiemsee, Rototom Sunsplash, etc.)
- several placements in the top 100 Swiss album and airplay charts

Marketing and Promotion GAS:

- Radio- and Press sampling by **N-Gage**
- Radio- and Press sampling by **MPN**

Concerts:

15.09.2023 | CH-Bern, Mahogany Hall
 22.09.2023 | CH-Basel, Atlantis - Record Release Show
 27.10.2023 | CH-Wetzikon, Kulturfabrik
 15.12.2023 | CH-Davos, Songbirdfestival – Montana Bar, Saal
 More to come...

FAMARA HISTORY

FAMARA, civil name Thomas Nikles, grew up in the lovely Leimental on the feet of the Jura Mountains (Switzerland/BL). 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 Raggirl «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.

Well, after countless concerts/tours and various TV appearances at home and abroad – including with YOUSOU N'DOUR and TIKEN JAH FAKOLY, the release of the albums «Natural Fact» 1999, «Sunlife» 2001, «Toubab Man» 2003, «Famasound» 2004, «Double Culture» 2005, «Oreba» 2008, «The Sound Of Famara» 2010, «The Cosmopolitan» 2012 and «Karibu» 2014 – the reggae old master is back in 2023 after a long creative break with the new album «Tembo Power». Once again he makes it clear where his roots lie.

His world beat reggae, rooted in Africa, is colorful, cosmopolitan and unfiltered. His energetic live show electrifies after a few bars and gets the audience boiling every time. With over 500 shows in Switzerland, including just about every major festival at home and abroad (Gampel, St. Gallen, Frauenfeld, Heitere, Summerjam, Chiemsee, Rototom Sunsplash, etc.) and over 25,000 CDs sold in stores, as well as appearances with SEED, GENTLEMEN, and ZIGGY MARLEY, FAMARA is probably one of the most active and certainly most successful Swiss-Reggae acts!

FAMARA MEMBERS

FAMARA - Thomas Nikles	Vocals, Percussion
backed by	
Sandro Zurbrügg (u.a. Fusion Square Garden)	Keyboards
Dominik Baumgartner (u.a. Steff la Cheffe)	Guitars
Marcel Suk (u.a. Fusion Square Garden, Jammin')	Bass
Michael Nobel (u.a. Fusion Square Garden)	Drums

FAMARA DISCOGRAPHY

2023 «Tembo Power»	Album	N-Gage (NG 01213-2)
2016 «Are you ready?»	Single	N-Gage (NG 01212-3)
2014 «Karibu»	Album	N-Gage (NG 01211-2)
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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