



Jean-Michel SAMBA

SONGWRITER • COMPOSER • PERFORMER

NEW RELEASE • PARFUM KAFÉ

THE ARTIST

The voice of roots,
the power of passing on heritage.



Born in Pointe-à-Pitre, with roots in Marie-Galante, Jean-Michel SAMBA is a songwriter, composer and performer. A singer, tambouyé (ka drummer), percussionist and guitarist, he draws on Gwo Ka and Guadeloupean culture.

His musical journey began with zouk, then continued with AWA, Ti-Kanno and Klé La in Chauvel, before Mas Ka Klé. As the group's president and lead singer, he has developed a repertoire connecting music with memory and life in Guadeloupe.

Personal expression, living heritage

Under his own name, Jean-Michel SAMBA follows a personal creative path. From JADEN-LA to PARFUM KAFÉ, his songs connect lived experience with a shared history. His work with Mas Ka Klé remains a major chapter in this journey.

As a sociocultural educator, passing on knowledge and heritage is central to his work. The stage is also a place of sharing: a way to give voice to a culture and bring it to new audiences.



LATEST RELEASE

PARFUM KAFÉ

A musical tribute to Kafé, blending memory, emotion and cultural heritage.



MEMORY

EMOTION

HERITAGE

An encounter turned into music

PARFUM KAFÉ grew from the memory of a day spent with Kafé. Jean-Michel SAMBA gives that encounter a musical form, preserving its emotion and sharing it with others. A series of short videos accompanies the song and tells the story of its creation.

Jean-Michel SAMBA - Songwriter, composer and performer

LISTEN TO THE SONG

YouTube

Spotify

Apple Music

Deezer

Amazon Music

Click a platform name to listen.

DISCOGRAPHY

JMS & collaborations

Selected recordings. Reissues are distinguished from first releases.



JEAN-MICHEL SAMBA

JADEN-LA

Featured on The Roots French Island compilation in 2017, then reissued as a digital single in 2020. The JADEN-LA music video was premiered at Ciné Star.

[Watch the JADEN-LA video](#)

2007

BLÉSÉ

Nominated for the Prix SACEM Guadeloupe in the Tradition Gwo Ka category.

2021

LA-LIT

Single by Jean-Michel SAMBA.

2026

PARFUM KAFÉ

Songwriter, composer and performer: Jean-Michel SAMBA.

COLLABORATIONS & SCREEN MUSIC

2014 · LA SAN LA KOULÉ - Collective project with Fred Deshayes, Dominik Coco, Daly, Fanswa Ladrézeau and Misié Sadik.

2018 · SI EKTA - Contribution with François Ladrézeau to Akiyo's 40th anniversary project.

2023 / 2024 · WAY VELO - With Dédé Saint-Prix. Vocals and percussion; Dédé & Co, Vol. 1, then Volume 1 & 2.

2026 · Mas Ka Klé, La porte du retour - Original music for Gérard Maximin's documentary.

DISCOGRAPHY

With Mas Ka Klé

Selected releases and tracks supplied for this project.

1999 MAS A KLÉ LA

Mas a klé la · Péyi aw · Pinisyon.

2000 TÉLÉTHON

Miopati, in French and in its original version.

2002 MAS GOTÉ

Bel Gwadeloup · Jé tradisyonèl · Zandoli · Sonjé · Mas goté (medley). Medley vocals with Georges Livio.

2004 PÈP A LAKOU LA

Déklarasyon · Blésé · Annyèt.

2006 DÉKLARASYON

Remix Déklarasyon.

2008 AVOTÉ KON MATRITÉ

Chimen a lanmou · Kolomb · Maman Wé · Marché-la · Bibidom. Jean-Michel SAMBA: songwriter, composer, performer and arranger.

2012 LÉSÉ YO PALÉ

On Sofrito: International Soundclash. Music and lyrics: Jean-Michel SAMBA and Coquin Jeremie.

2023 TRASÉ CHIMEN

Single. Songwriter, composer and performer: Jean-Michel SAMBA.

2024 DJOUK

Single. Songwriter, composer and performer: Jean-Michel SAMBA.

For the releases from 1999 to 2006 listed above, Jean-Michel SAMBA is credited as songwriter, composer and performer of the selected tracks. This overview is not the group's complete catalogue.

LIVE PERFORMANCES

Stages at home and abroad

Selected appearances under his own name and with Mas Ka Klé.

JEAN-MICHEL SAMBA UNDER HIS OWN NAME

- 2019** Gran Léwòz « Gwo Kout Lyann La » · French Guiana
- 2022** FIMAD · Dakar, Senegal
- 2022** Jean-Michel Samba trio · Royal Riviera
Opening act for La Perfecta
- 2023** La Nuit du Ka · Grigny, France
- 2025** Léwòz with Mouvman Kiltirèl Choukaj · Pierrefitte
- 2026** Terre de Blues · Léwòz Majò o Ka
Grand-Bourg, Marie-Galante



Appearances under his own name may be part of shared bills or performances with an accompanying ensemble.

WITH MAS KA KLÉ

Caribbean - World Music Creole Festival, Dominica (2001); cultural exchanges in Puerto Rico (2001 and 2005); Terre de Blues, Marie-Galante (2006).

Americas - Longueuil International Percussion Festival, Canada (2009 and 2011); concert in New York (2011).

France - Carnaval Tropical in Paris (2003); New Morning (2010); Scène Bastille (2012); Festival Gwoup a Po in Grigny (2019).

Africa - Visa For Music in Rabat, Morocco (2018); Marché des Arts du Spectacle d'Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (2020).

LIVE MUSIC

Three concert formats

4, 6 or 11 musicians: a line-up suited to your event.

INTIME

4 MUSICIANS

Pure emotion

An intimate encounter with the voice and the words. Guitar, percussion and backing vocals give each song room to breathe.

Lead vocals & guitar · Guitar · Percussion · 1 backing vocalist

RÉSONANCE

6 MUSICIANS

Music comes into its own

A broader musical palette, supported by bass and keyboards. The arrangements expand, while the interplay between musicians enriches the concert.

Lead vocals & guitar · Guitar · Bass · Keyboards · Percussion · 1 backing vocalist

FULL EXPERIENCE

11 MUSICIANS

The full power of live music

Brass, drums and two backing vocalists join JMS's core ensemble. An expansive concert driven by the energy and musical richness of the group.

Lead vocals & guitar · Guitar · Bass · Keyboards · Percussion · Drums · Trumpet · Saxophone · Trombone · 2 backing vocalists

Stage plots and technical riders are provided on request through booking, to prepare your concert with your team.



BOOKING & MEDIA

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MUSIC VIDEOS & PERFORMANCES

JADEN-LA

SAMBA TRIO

WAY VELO

LA-LIT