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# MALI BLUES TOUR 2014

## JECONTE & THE MALI ALLSTARS



**JeConte & the Mali Allstars**, born through the magic of the **Festival in the Desert in Timbuktu**. JeConte traveled to Mali after he lost both his Father and his Fiancé to Cancer to find his soul through the music and the culture of Mali and he has done exactly that.

The band is a soulful blend of traditional Malian Blues & NorCal/New Orleans harmonica-based Bluesy Rock 'n' Roll. The band brings original, high energy, with jamming solos, creating 'one-of-a-kind' performance that gets the crowd going and keeps them going.

The band played over 50 shows throughout Europe in the summer of 2013 playing multiple festivals and clubs in Germany, France, Spain & The Netherlands. The band is currently in the process of booking & planning 2014 tour dates in the USA, Scandinavia, Europe, Russia & India. To book JeConte & The Mali Allstars email: [booking@themaliblues.com](mailto:booking@themaliblues.com).

## MALI BLUES 2013 ALBUM RELEASE & HIGHLIGHTS

**FEATURING: KHAIRA ARBY - ADAMA DRAME - BOUBACAR SIDIBE  
BASSEKOU KOUYATE & VIEUX FARKA TOURE**



**Mali Blues**, the seductive, thought provoking debut album from **JeConte & The Mali Allstars**, was released in the United States August 2013. Captured in Mali at Yeelen Studios during the 2012 coup d'etat, the sessions feature West African heavyweights Khaira Arby, Adama Dramé, Bassekou Kouyate, Boubacar Sidibé, & Vieux Farka Touré collaborating with Northern California/New Orleans live wire JeConte, in an exciting border crossing musical exploration.

The album is a call for peace in Mali delivered through hypnotically soulful tunes that merge West African rhythms, Reggae strains and Afro-Pop grooves with seductive New Orleans Blues and earthy California Rock n' Roll. Look for two additional releases 'Laido' & 'Warriko' coming from the Mali Blues Sessions coming summer 2014.

### ALBUM HIGHLIGHTS

The album was released digitally and physically in the USA August 2013  
Mali Blues was voted #7 World Music album of the year on World Music Central  
Mali Blues hit #11 on the US World Music Charts for September 2013  
Mali Blues hit #9 on Pandora playlists for World Music for September 2013  
Mali Blues hit #8 SoundRoots Top 10 World Music Albums – September 2013  
Featured on all US Flights: Air Canada, Cathay Airlines & Virgin America Dec 2013  
**Radio Play USA:** NPR, WKCR, KCRW, KPFA and KPFC, & AOL's World and African channels  
**Radio Play Europe:** Globale Dorfmusik, Radio Oldenberg Eins, Funkhaus Europa  
Featured World Music Album on **iTunes** & iTunes Radio July to present

### OFFICIAL SELECTION 2013 PUTUMAYOU WORLD REGGAE COMPILATION

Toumouranke is featured on Putumayo's 2013 WRC alongside Reggae Legend Toots & The Maytalls and multiple top World Reggae acts.



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### THE BAND



**JeConte** brings his lightening harmonica chops and a deep, bluesy vocal style to the band. His performance is a one-of-a-kind, high vibrational musical experience, embodying what live, funky, bluesy-rock is all about. Residing in Northern California and having spent a great deal of time in New Orleans, Louisiana, he has played with multiple bands over the years and believes that JeConte & the Mali Allstars is a culmination of these efforts. JeConte is touring with his own project at festivals and clubs throughout the United States. He is currently working on his sophomore JeConte release **'Down by the Bayou'** with singer songwriter **Anders Osborne** - Spring 2014



**Boubacar Sidibé** is one of the leading members of the Mali Allstars. Referred to as 'Crow' by members of the band, or 'old wise man,' and he contributes years of World touring experience and outstanding musical leadership. He performs 'lefty' on a right-handed rhythm guitar and brings his beautiful melodic voice and chromatic harmonica to the group. Boubacar is best known as the rhythm guitar player for **Habib Koité's** band, **Bamada**. He brings years of soulful songwriting to the Mali Allstars, with amazing guitar and harmonica licks, a 'do not miss' performance indeed.



**Adama Dramé** is the lead guitar player for multiple bands throughout Mali, and a force to be reckoned with. Considered by many as the 'Jimi Hendrix' of Mali, he has an amazing, lightening guitar style, playing with his teeth and delivers an 'out of this world' live performance. Adama Dramé has toured throughout Africa with **Toumani Diabate**, **Fantani Touré**, **Charlie Arby** and multiple other bands over the past decade. He brings his non-stop energy to The Mali Allstars and contributes his years of musical knowledge, original songwriting, lead guitar and n'goni playing to live performances and Mali Blues.



**Sil Matadin**, is a bass player virtuoso and dynamic performer with a wealth of musical knowledge. Sil plays throughout the World and performs internationally with world-renowned singer **Hindi Zahra** and also **Archie Shepp**. He is a phenomanal musician, and when not touring internationally, he is furiously working away in his home studio, in Paris. He joined JeConte & the Mali Allstars for multiple Paris gigs in 2012 and throughout the 2013 European Summer Tour. He is currently working on the intricacies of **The Mali Blues Trio's** live album **Ibiza Blues** with JeConte and is ready to hit the road in 2014.



**Mamadou Kone** is JeConte & the Mali Allstars' 'Mad Percussionist.' He is a master at percussion and also plays traditional n'gone. He performs on the traditional Malian bass drum, the Kalabash and the 'talking drum', and a multitude of other percussive devices that he pulls from his bag-of-tricks. Mamadou, a long-time member of **Habib Koité's** band, Bamada, has toured internationally with **Habib Koité** for the past ten years. He also performs throughout Mali in many other projects. Mamadou brings an incredible infectious energy to the Mali Allstars' live performance with his wireless talking-drum magic.



**Erick Borevla** is one of Paris' top gigging drummers, playing throughout Paris on multiple projects and active on the national & international scene. He has played with such artists as **The Last Poets**, **Archie Shepp**, & **Eugene Chadbourne**, to name a few. His style ranges from progressive Rock & Traditional Jazz, to Funk, Blues, Soul, Afro-Pop and Reggae. He has been on over 50 records during his career as a session drummer and has traveled throughout West Africa and the African continent studying and mastering his craft.

Please note that due to travel restrictions, touring conflicts and possible visas issues, some of the above members may change for live performances, however JeConte will always bring a band that exceeds crowd expectations.

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**2013 EUROPE TOUR** July - September 2013: 50+ dates in 70 days  
The Netherlands, Germany, France & Spain.



### France - Paris - Menil Fest - September 26-30th

**JeConte & The Mali Allstars** headlined Saturday night of Menil Fest, in Menilmontant Paris.

"Getting **JeConte & The Mali Allstars** to return to Menil Fest for the second year was the highlight of this years festival. JeConte brought an amazing energy to the stage, which was supported by his talented group of musicians. We hope to have them back again next year." - **Philippe Angers, Director Menil Fest**



### Spain - Ibiza Tour - Can Jordi Blues Festival, Liam Rock Fest & 10+ gigs

**JeConte & The Mali Blues Trio** spent two weeks in Ibiza playing all over the island. The band featuring **JeConte, Boubacar Sidibé & Sil Matadin** played over 10 gigs in their short stay on the island. They also recorded an amazing live album entitled **IBIZA BLUES** at Sonic Vista Studios, coming in 2014.

"The entire time these guys are playing we are like; Wow!!! What the? Where did they come from? To have JeConte & his band play our Island festival was a dream. We hope to see them again! - **Vicente, Can Jordi**



### Germany - Songs & Whispers Tour - 25 shows in 20 days

"The only word that can describe a tour like this: **Spectacular!!!** The journey through Northern Germany was exhausting, humbling, and beautiful all at once. This is why we do what we do. This is why we make music." ~ JeConte

"JeConte & Boubacar Sidibé touched our hearts. The love, joy and happiness that comes from their music is infectious and brought my friends and I to tears... tears of joy." - **Schadwinkel Sonia, Hafen Atelier**



### France - Festival 'Fetes de' Carro - Carro, France - August 10th

**JeConte & Boubacar Sidibé** joined the **Big Butt Foundation** and **DJ Bobzilla** on the coast of Southern France at the beachside community of Carro to celebrate Summer with Mussels, Fries, Rosé.

"Having JeConte & Boubacar in Carro made the festival. JeConte rocked the house with the Big Butt Foundation in the afternoon and then he & Boubacar brought it all together that night. It was great!!!"

- **Festival Music Director, Bob 'Bobzilla' Assolen**



### France - Festival Reguesse - Reguesse, Provence - August 1st

**JeConte & Boubacar** traveled to the South of France playing multiple gigs as a duo.

"JeConte & Boubacar were the surprise, and highlight, of the festival. They got the entire crowd singing along with them, bringing deep soul and passion to their performance. We did not expect this and we are very excited to have the 'full band' return next summer." - **Festival Coordinator Sabrina Iwanski**



### The Netherlands - The Hague, Q-Bus - Lieden, Totaal Fest - Bladel: July 26-28

**JeConte & The Mali Allstars** traveled to the Netherlands where they played multiple gigs over the weekend rocking the house in Lieden at Club Q-Bus and the featured 'Grande Finale' of Totaal Fest in Bladel.

"Having JeConte & his band as the 'Grande Finale' of the festival was fabulous. They played a great rendition of Herman Brood's 'Saturday Night' to close out the festival which surprised us all and was a lot of fun."

- **Total Festival Director Bram Duijf**

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### 2013 TOUR DATES & HIGHLIGHTS

- 7/21 - France – La Pllage, Paris  
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7/22 - France – Hotel Chansoniers, Paris  
7/26 - Netherlands – The Hague  
7/27 - Netherlands – Lieden  
7/28 - Netherlands – Totaal Fest – Bladel  
7/30 - France – L'Agora, Paris  
8/1 - 8/2 - France – Festival Reguesse, Provence  
8/3 - France – Gran Bois Wine Fest, Provence  
8/3 - 8/5 - France – Club Taurel, Marseille  
8/8 - France – Village Night Festival, Marseille  
8/9 - France – Beach Night Blues, Cassis  
8/10 - France – Fette de Carro, Carro  
8/11 - 8/12 - France – Club Taurel, Marseille  
8/15 - Belgium - Jeugshuis Doetsje, Kapelle op den Bos  
8/16 - Germany – Altes Amtsgericht, Lilienthal  
8/17 - Germany – Big Buttinsky, Osnabrück  
8/18 - Netherlands – De Nul, Hengelo  
8/18 - Netherlands – Lambooihuis, Hengelo  
8/18 - Netherlands – Kulturmühle, Berne  
8/19 - Germany – Liftass, Bremen  
8/20 - Germany – Hafen Casino, Bremen  
8/21 - Germany – Radio Weser TV, Delmenhorst  
8/21 - Germany – Soulkitchen Halle, Hamburg  
8/22 - Germany – Radio Jade, Wasserfortstraße  
8/23 - Germany – Aladin, Bremen  
8/24 - Germany – Soulkitchen Halle, Hamburg  
8/25 - Germany – Altes Gymnasium, Bremen  
8/26 - Germany – Kroeg Van Klaas, Groningen  
8/27 - Germany – GIG Linden, Hannover  
8/28 - Germany – Tagungshaus Bredbeck, Osterholz-Scharmbeck  
8/29 - Germany – Club Lox, Bremen  
8/30 - Germany – Elephant Seven, Hamburg  
8/31 - Germany – Cafe de Fiets, Bremerhaven  
8/31 - Germany – Schwarzer Bär, Wilhelmshaven  
9/1 - Germany – Kulturambulanz, Bremen  
9/2 - Germany – Grusewsky, Emden  
9/3 - Germany – Kunst & Bühne, Celle  
9/4 - Germany – Pumpwerk, Wilhelmshaven  
9/5 - Germany – Freundlich + Kompetent, Hamburg  
9/6 - Germany – Villa Sponte, Bremen  
9/7 - Germany – Bergwerk Quelkhorn, Quelkhorn  
9/7 - Germany – Slatterys, Delmenhorst  
9/8 - Germany – Club Moments, Bremen  
9/12 - Spain – Ibiza – Liam Rock Fest  
9/13 - Spain – Ibiza – La Movida  
9/14 - Spain – Ibiza – Can Jordi Blues Fest  
9/14 - Spain – Ibiza – San Sara  
9/15 - Spain – Ibiza – Chirincana  
9/18 - Spain – Ibiza – Fiesta Privada  
9/19 - Spain – Ibiza – Salina Boutique  
9/20 - Spain – Ibiza – Fiesta Privada  
9/21 - Spain – Ibiza – St Josep Village Fest  
9/21 - Spain – Ibiza – Ursula Groove Fest  
9/22 - Spain – Ibiza – St Augustine  
9/27 – 9/28 - France – Menil Festival, Paris  
9/28 - France – Le Babel, Paris  
9/29 - France – Café de Paris, Paris



The band is featured on multiple publications. To learn more about these please go to the band website:

<http://www.themaliblues.com>



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