



FERIDAH ROSE

Njabala

Line-up:

Feridah Rose (lead vocals)
Ayi Solomon and Yohan Ramon (percussion)
Jamil Oskarsson (bass)
Søren Heller (guitar)
Jens Stoklund Jensen (drums)
Lasse Storgaard (keys)
Lucas King, Thora W. Kruse
and Nanna Nabila (backing vocals)
+ Karen Mukupa (rap on 'Better Without You')

All lyrics by Feridah Rose
Produced by Kristian Hegelund Martinsen

1. Better Without You
(feat. Karen Mukupa)
2. You and I (My Man)
3. Don't Take Away Our Love
4. Spend My Life With You
5. Njabala
6. Lonely Island

New EP from Danish-Ugandan singer Feridah Rose

The Danish singer Feridah Rose is ready for springtime with concerts and new music.

Feridah Rose is a vibrant singer with a powerful voice and a very distinct musical expression. She combines African sounds and influences of her native Uganda with the soulful, celebratory vocal traditions of church & gospel music; both as a songwriter on her recordings and as an engaging live performer. These are strong roots tempered with a modern vision and her new album/EP is a unique, deeply soulful mix of rhythmic songs with a contemporary twist. The songs are in English, with a few detours into Swahili and the singer's mother tongue, Luganda.

Feridah and the band take the opportunity to stretch out on this record, across songs that go from classic styled R&B ballads such as the gorgeous 'Don't Take Our Love Away' to the heavy skank of dub reggae on a love song like 'Spend My Life With You'.

The rhythms of Africa are a constant feature throughout, in particular on the uptempo 'Njabala'. The title song of the EP takes a traditional Ugandan song, but reimagines the traditional lyrics as a call to freedom. It is a hopeful celebratory song about being free to dream and inspire. *"Free, I just want be free,"* she sings and the music takes you there with tradition and modernity side by side, travelling towards the future. *"I remember how we used to sing about Njabala when we were kids. The character has stayed with me ever since, but I decided to make her a strong, modern and dynamic woman. The new Njabala has learned a lot about equality and opportunity. She is fighting an important battle side by side with women and civil rights movements. It is important we strive for a world where everyone is equal."*

8 experienced musicians and backing singers have contributed in the making of the new songs. Karen Mukupa, another Danish singer with reggae and Africa in the blood, is performing a swahili-rap on the song 'Better Without You'. When playing live, Feridah Rose builds up a powerful funk-fuelled steam, drawing on rich traditions and new inspirations. On stage she combines the beauty of her afro-soul vocal style with a focus on rhythmic propulsion and expansive jazz-funk arrangements with frequent solos. The smiling singer in front won't allow the audience to sit still.

In recent years, Feridah Rose has performed as opening act for the West African star Angelique Kidjo and played at several large and small venues in Denmark. Among the current projects of the band is to organise a mini tour heading for East Africa.

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