

The Whole World at the Edinburgh Fringe



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Afrobeats and jazzy grooves from Senegal; original songs with impassioned vocals, infectious guitar licks and irresistible dancebeats. Add some sassy horns, a pinch of ska and a rolling programme of special guests and you know you are in for something special when Senegalese/Scottish band **Samba Sene & Diwan** hit the stage for a 3 week Fringe run at Edinburgh's **Jazz Bar** in August.

A core band of 5 – **Samba Sene** (vocals), **Akin Fatumbi** (bass), **John Walsh** (guitar), **Stuart Dinwoodie** (percussion and kora) and **Willy Molleson** (drums) - will be joined throughout the run by a range of guest musicians including singers, horn players, percussionists, and dancers.

Among the confirmed guests are London based Ugandan singer, songwriter, actress and playwright **Milly Namukasa** (**Fri 10th**), former **Bhundu Boy** guitarist **Rise Kagona** (**Sat 18th**) and **Tom Roche** (**Wed 21st**), percussionist with Aberdeen's Paddyrastra. Diwan horn section regulars **Doug Tiplady** and **Nick McCallum** will be playing on Fridays and Saturdays.

Diwan is a Wolof (Senegalese) word meaning the whole world – and at times at Diwan gigs it seems that's how many musicians are on stage! It all pulls together round dynamic lead singer Samba Sene. With a new mini CD out 10th Aug, it's all go for Diwan.

Samba Sene was born in Senegal but moved to Scotland seven years ago. He writes his own material and sings in French, English and his native Wolof. His style is strongly influenced by the jazzy grooves of Senegal and particularly by musicians like **Baaba Maal** (with whom he studied before leaving Senegal) and **Salif Keita**. He has a broad appeal, from world music fans to audiences who just want to dance to the beats. He is equally at home on a small stage with just his voice and guitar or with a dance floor and a big fat 8-piece band with percussion and horns. He is also co-organiser of **Ndaje: African Connections** the popular new monthly event at the Bongo Club set up to showcase African music and culture and its links with the rest of the world.

For more press information, to arrange interviews, review tickets, photos, CDs etc call Morag Neil on 0131 557 5918 or 0771 288 0965
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Notes: **Diwan**: noun; pron dee-wan – *the whole world*; **Sene** is pronounced Senn

<p style="text-align: center;">Samba Sene & Diwan Sun 5th – Sun 26th Aug, 9pm The Jazz Bar, Chambers St Tickets: £8/£5 (tel 0131 226 0000; www.edfringe.com) www.myspace.com/sambasene Samba Sene & Diwan appearing on Main Stage at Fringe Sunday (1.50pm) and (Samba Sene, solo) at Get Up Stand Up at The 3 Tuns (Tues 14th)</p>
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