



## Samba Sene & Diwan

Jazzy grooves Afro-beats from Senegal.

**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 that 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 has played with or supported a wide range of artists including US musicians Mark Robinson and Nolan Witz (Queen's Jubilee, London), Donnie Munro (at Edinburgh's Corn Exchange), Wolfstone and Blues'n'Trouble; he has also sung regularly with Edinburgh ska band Bombskare and recorded with Cantara. Recent performances include Knockengoroch Music Festival, Edinburgh Mela, Edinburgh Refugee Centre, the Bongo Club, the World Peace and Justice Festival at the Queen's Hall, Edinburgh, headline slot at Mugdock Festival and 3 weeks at the Jazz Bar at the Edinburgh Fringe 2007.

His band - **Diwan** – has a central core of **Samba Sene** (vox, gtr), **Akin Fatumbi** (bass gtr) and **John Walsh** (gtr, vox), with a revolving line-up of percussionists and brass players. Mbalax fusion mixed with Afrobeats and jazzy grooves; original songs with impassioned vocals, infectious guitar licks and irresistible dancebeats. Add some sassy horns and a pinch of ska for world party music with soul.

Their first CD – the 4-track *Keman* - was released in Aug 2007.

*...smooth African funk...* Skinny Fest

*...grooving...* the Herald

*...a lively Scots-African knees-up... a good, muscular groove, with the bass rolling and tumbling below...* Scotsman

*Senegal-born Samba Sene has been creating waves in Scotland with his kicking new band. His sweet voice and infectious guitar licks are guaranteed to get you dancing!* [www.edinburghguide.com](http://www.edinburghguide.com)

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