

KARA & AFRI-KANG

Press Dossier

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Base	Barcelona, Spain
Genre	Afro-Fusion (Afro/Funk/Jazz) · Mandinka Tradition · World Music
Music	100% original compositions by Kara Diabaté
Live Format	7-piece band · flexible set length

Band Profile

Kara & Afri-Kang is an Afro-fusion band led by Kara Diabaté, Mandinka musician, composer and cultural transmitter. The project is based on 100% original music, entirely composed by Kara Diabaté. Traditional West African rhythms and melodies are reinterpreted through jazz, funk and contemporary world music, creating a sound designed for international and multicultural festival stages.

Band Line-up

- Kara Diabaté – lead vocals, electric bass (band leader, composer)
- Max Alessandrini – saxophone
- Pablo Sanchez – electric guitar
- Jean Sarwi – keyboards
- Anna Thioune – backing vocals
- Moussa Dieme – percussion
- Papi Dieng – drums

Background of Kara Diabaté

Kara Diabaté comes from the Mandinka griot tradition, where music, rhythm and storytelling are transmitted across generations as cultural heritage. As a composer and bandleader, he translates this ancestral knowledge into original contemporary music, acting as a bridge between African roots and modern global audiences.

Artistic Vision

Kara & Afri-Kang embodies values of openness, diversity and cultural exchange. The project celebrates migration, coexistence and collective energy, offering music that is deeply rooted yet fully contemporary and accessible to a wide, intergenerational audience.

Key Points

- 1 100% original repertoire composed by Kara Diabaté
- 2 Mandinka griot tradition as cultural foundation
- 3 Strong rhythmic identity, ideal for open-air festivals
- 4 Multicultural and inclusive artistic vision
- 5 High audience engagement and interaction
- 6 Flexible live format for different festival contexts

Musical Productions

- “Bara” – single released in 2025 under the name Cheikh Kara & Afri-Kang Fusion Folk Project. Available on Spotify and Apple Music.
- “Togna” – single released in 2025 under the name Cheikh Kara & Afri-Kang Fusion Folk Project. Available on Spotify and Apple Music.

Live Activity & Festivals

- Barcelona – Altell / Mescladís Lliure Montjuïc (Mandinka & World Fusion concert)
- Participation in Afro and fusion cultural events, including Blackcelona Festival