

ABI ODUN

Short biography



Abiodun is a traveller with a cosmopolitan consciousness and a universal message, that is as timeless as relevant. He has an uncompromising and powerful sound filled with passion and depth. He manoeuvres playfully through an individual and contemporary sound universe and his music fuses classical elements of soul, blues, funk and rock with Abiodun's African roots.

The German-Nigerian singer and composer, is one of the most interesting, international commuters of a new Urban Roots Movement contributing to the current music culture with diversity and vibrancy.

Growing up in Europe and Africa he has been influenced by the best of both worlds. He is a co-founder of the Afro-German musical collective "Brothers Keepers". Their song "Adriano (die letzte Warnung)" (Adriano the final warning) was released in 2001. It became an anti racism anthem selling well over 220,000 copies and making it to the Top 5 of the German pop charts. The sophomore album "Am I my Brother's Keeper?" was released on Sony Music in 2005.

As a Solo-Act Abiodun has released under the name of "Don Abi" two cross-genre albums: "Act of Love" (V2 Records 2003) and "No Philosophy" (Toolhouse Recordings 2007).

In addition to his solo career, Abiodun for many years collaborated with artists like Maceo Parker, UB40, Patrice, Xavier Naidoo, Gentleman, Gregory Isaacs and Burnt Friedman. In 2005 Abiodun played a key role on Bantu's Album "Fuji Satisfaction" which won critical acclaim and the Kora Awards as "Best Group West Africa" and "Best Group Africa".

Abiodun's new album *Break Free* (PD 10/2018) is a natural progression of his musical artistry over the past two decades. It re-presents Abiodun as an artist, who is constantly expanding the boundaries of his musical language without denying his identity. He expresses himself with a unique voice and style in English, Pidgin and Yoruba. The results are eleven songs: they are soulful and energetic but, at the same time, contemplative, fragile and sensitive. Abiodun is supported on the album and at concerts by his band "The Ajazcorock", consisting of experienced live and studio musicians.

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