

# GRIOT PRODUCTION



## RANKY TANKY

### ON TOUR

Infectious, intoxicating and exotic - South Carolina's „Ranky Tanky“ is Sea Island Gullah for „Work It,“ or „Get Funky!“ And that's just what happens. Frisky and hypnotic rhythms, a bone-deep mix of spirituals and gutbucket blues, from the outstanding 5-piece band that combines gospel vocals, jazz trumpet solos and a terrific R&B rhythm section. After overwhelming reactions of their first European tour this summer, RANKY TANKY will return back to our hearts & stages in 2018.

Hans-Olav Solli / Molde Jazz Festival: „RT was a huge success!“ Jo Aichinger / Glatt & Verkehrt: „This show was amazing“.

Mai/June, July



## RUPA & THE APRIL FISHES

### NEW CD 2018

The characteristic of the band is their wild mix of musical styles which Rupa simply states as „a beautiful mess“. Influenced from the multi-cultural hot spot San Francisco and with Rupa's very unique voice, the band creates simply magic on stage – by far the most varied and musically rich offering to date. With a new CD in tow, they are excited to spin around the European Festival circuit again!

Summer festivals



## ALÁFIA

### ON TOUR

Eleven personalities assembled give rise to a dense, cosmopolitan, dancing sound from São Paulo. With their melt of Rap, Brazilian pop, Funk, as well as the musicality of traditional worship yards, Aláfia made audiences dance on 2017's tour. (Chillout Festival Istanbul, Global Copenhagen, Casa da Musica in Porto, World Village Festival Helsinki, ...)

Summer festivals

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## MANU DIBANGO & MOREIRA CHONGUIÇA

### CD RELEASE TOUR

Legend Manu Dibango is one of the most thought after musicians of the African continent. He joined with Moreira Chonguica, well known saxophonist from Mozambique, for a unique and much celebrated project, that premiered at Cape Town Jazz Festival in March 2017. The two exceptional musicians and performers will tour Europe in 2018.

End of July to mid of August



## SIMPHIWE DANA

### NEW CD

Outstanding and multi award winning South African Jazz & Soul Diva Simphiwe Dana has been touring the whole world over the last decade. She is one of South Africa's most soulful singers, renowned around the world and adored for her impressive powerful vocals. She is an artist who employs a true cultural and African identity in her art form. She is returning to Europe in summer 2018 with her 6-piece band to present her new album „The Simphiwe Dana Symphony Experience“.

July & August



## AURÉLIO

### ON TOUR

„Darandi“ - Celebrating 30 years at the heart of Garifuna Music. Powerful and energetic Aurelio brings the music of the Garifuna people to a higher level. His high-profiled 4th album was recorded at Peter Gabriel's Real World Records Studio. The charismatic singer will come with his band to take over the European stages next year again.

July & August

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## THE MAHOTELLA QUEENS

### ON TOUR

The brand „Mahotella Queens“ is still very alive and kicking, 50 years after their first triumphs. Legendary band founder Hilda Tloubatla recently invited 2 young singers to join and the new line up was highly celebrated in 2017 at the European festivals. The Queens are now representing more than just one generation and bring a live show that is filled with dance, joy and energy and more vibrant than ever before. The „hippest hips in town“ are available for concerts in:

July & August



## VALÉRIE EKOUMÈ

### NEW CD

Afropop & soulful ballads from Cameroon. With her second album Valérie Ekoumè presents powerful highly danceable songs and wonderful ballads. It doesn't matter, if the band plays small clubs or big stages – all audiences are dancing and singing along.

She will be touring with her excellent 4-piece band, all well known musicians, who have been playing with the biggest names of the African music scene.

All year long



## IDAN RAICHEL

### NEW CD

The international star, well known for his collaborations with artists from all over the world, has just released his new live double album via Cumbancha. Raichel will offer concerts for the European summer festivals with his whole band, as well as a special Philharmonia Tour in November 2018. Idan Raichel has recently been honoured by the Martin Luther King Institute for bringing the voices of the minorities and new migrants to the mainstream and for his tireless work in uniting people from different backgrounds, beliefs and cultures through music.

Summer festivals & November