

A portrait of a man wearing a brown fedora, gold-rimmed aviator sunglasses, and a dark blue button-down shirt with a textured collar. He is looking directly at the camera. The background is a warm, golden-yellow wall with horizontal lines.

NIARÉLA PAPOU

PORTFOLIO

BIOGRAPHY - EXCITATIONS FOR LIFE

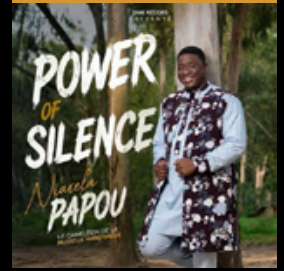


THE STORY

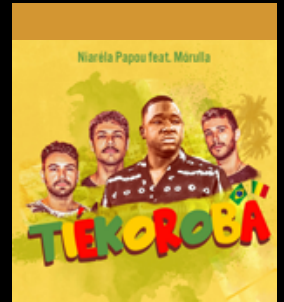
Niarela Papou embodies the new generation of Malian music on the international stage. Heir to a prestigious musical heritage, he draws inspiration from the **Maravillas du Mali**, the **Orchestre National Badema**, and the legendary Coumba Sidibé (Coumba Saba) to craft a singular aesthetic. His music fuses the **roots of Wassoulou and the authenticity of the Manding tradition** with modern sonorities—afrobeat, afropop, and world music—captivating both connoisseurs of traditional repertoires and audiences of international clubs and festivals.

MUSICAL WORK

His project has already attracted the attention of **renowned labels such as Basic Music, Caravela Records, NOOX, Cantores Del Mundo, and Putumayo World Music**. Papou also distinguishes himself through an **Afro Brazilian collaboration with the rock band Morulla** within the framework of the Tiekoroba project, as well as a highly anticipated **crossover remix with the Italian label Funky Juice Records**. These initiatives testify to his ability to engage diverse audiences and establish himself on global markets.



POWER OF SILENCE
2026



TIEKOROBÀ
2025



LE RENOUVEAU
2025



PAPOU BARANA
2024



THE ROOTS

Niarela Papou's artistic universe is deeply rooted in **Manding culture**. His compositions highlight emblematic instruments such as the **kora, balafon, and djembé, while integrating contemporary arrangements**. This approach creates a bridge between young Malian generations, the **African diaspora, and world music enthusiasts**.

His collaborations with major figures such as **Cheick Tidiane Seck, Vieux Farka Touré, Bassekou Kouyaté, Babani Koné, Nainy Diabaté, and Souleymane Doumbia** reinforce his legitimacy and his role as a custodian and transmitter of tradition.

Managers & Booking Agents

- Flexible band compositions (solo, trio, full band)
- Sync-ready tracks with cross-cultural appeal
- Multilingual (6+ languages) for diverse audiences
- Proven industry partnerships and streaming presence

Let's create a bespoke experience for your audience or project!

INTERNATIONAL

With an **Afro nu funk** remix in preparation at **Funky Juice Records**, scheduled just before **WO-MEX**, Papou demonstrates his ability to transcend cultural and musical boundaries.

This project promises to **captivate a global audience by marrying tradition and innovation**, positioning him as a key figure in international playlists.

GLOBAL APPEAL

The interest expressed by Putumayo World Music confirms Papou's international attractiveness. His **Mali Brazil cultural fusion project (Tiekoroba)** illustrates a unique artistic endeavor, linking two rich and dynamic universes.

This cultural transversality constitutes a **major asset for festival programmers and specialized media**.



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