

New music production 2009 - 2010



Artistic direction **Badara Seck**

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Badamj ensemble

This group offers an original, almost “chamber-like” timbric approach to African sounds, combined with sounds from the European tradition. Badamj Ensemble, the acronym of the names of this new group, offers a innovative fusion of Italian-African sounds through the work on the voice of the Senegal griot Badara Seck, artistic director of the project, in collaboration with the singing of the young Tuscan soprano Aurora Loffredo, the tablas of Agostino Bicocchi, whose training ranges from Tuscany to India, the kora of Madya Diabate (Senegal) and the percussions of Daouda Diabate (Burkina Faso), both belonging to the Diabate “dynasty”, one of the great griot families.



"It shines the African universe with the star of Badara Seck"
La Repubblica

Badara Seck, artistic director

Native of Senegal, Badara Seck is descended from a family of Griots, the holders of art and the word in Africa. Still young, but with great potential and an extraordinary voice, he began to travel the world to share his voice and stories, then the songs and music he composed by himself.

First in Canada, then in the countries of Western Africa, Switzerland, the rest of Europe and Italy, including sojourns in his native country, he continued to fulfil his role as musician and Griot enriching himself constantly with his international experience.

He participated in numerous international festival; notably he was the only person deemed capable of substituting the grand voice of Miriam Makeba, the solist of the famous *Messa Luba*. He also participated in *Africa Poesia* in 2000 in Rome and Florence, alongwith, among others, the poet, musician, writer and icon of African culture Francis Bebey. He was also one of the principle invitees of the multilingual event *Hypertext-Ulisse*, supported by the European-Mediterranean program of the European Community.

With his group PENC, he has held numerous concerts in Italy, Europe and Africa. He accompanies the musician Massimo Ranieri in his recorded music and lives performances.

Badara Seck is part of a new generation of Griots that have travelled the world, but who don't intend to loose their identity or their active role in the transformation of Africa and Africans. His songs and musical projects are an extraordinary testimony to his dedication.

He is the creator of the *Rung Pung* project for Fabbrica Europa in Florence, which aspires to synthesize his existence, ideas and extraordinary artistic and professional experience. Badara invited African artist living in Italy, with great talent, but few opportunities to express it, to join the project.

>>CALENDAR

BADARA SECK > SELECTION OF PERFORMANCES

May 26th, 2000	Africa Poesia / Festival Fabbrica Europa / Florence
July 31st, 2004	XIII Festival Musica e Suoni dal mondo / Carrara
August 23rd-26th, 2005	Festival la Città Aromatica / Siena
July 12th, 2006	Estate Fiorentina / Piazza della Signoria / Florence
May 26th, 2007	Festival Fabbrica Europa / Florence
July 12th 2007	I Solisti del Teatro / Rome
August 10th, 2007	XII Festival della Val of Orcia / Castiglion d'Orcia
August 1st, 2007	Presenze d'Africa / Villa Pamphili / Rome
August 25th, 2007	La Notte della Taranta / Melpignano
October 28th, 2007	Festival della Creatività / Florence
19th November -December 5th, 2007	Centre Culturel Blaise Senghor / Dakar (Senegal)
7th-8th December, 2007	JTC Journées Théâtrales de Carthage / Tunis (Tunisia)
May 7th-8th, 2008	Festival Fabbrica Europa / Florence
June 29th, 2008	Presenze d'Africa / Villa Pamphili / Rome
February 29th, 2008	European Film Market of the Berlinale / Berlin
January 15th, 2009	Etno Mozart / Rome
June 3rd, 2009	Circolo Arci / Lecce
June 20th, 2009	World day of the refugee / Viterbo
July 5th, 2009	Festival sul Mare del Lazio / Nettuno
August 23rd, 2009	Calatafimi Segesta Festival 2009 / Palermo
September 18th, 2009	Vasto
October 24th, 2009	Teatro Era / Pontedera
23rd April, 2010	Faculty of Literature / University Roma Tre / Rome
May 19th, 2010	Festival Fabbrica Europa / Florence