Khaira Arby

Live in New York

CLE033

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Album cover artwork



Liner notes

As the lights dim and Malian diva Khaira Arby steps into the spotlight, the audience jumps up with shouts and cheers. People loved the late Khaira Arby for the fire and passion of her voice. Pushing boundaries, Khaira triumphs as this recently restored concert recording testifies.

Recorded live August 2010 at Fisher Center at Bard, SummerScape, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York.

CD & DI Tracklist

1 Ya Rassoul QMPGD2000030 6:12

2 Sourgou QMPGD2000031 7:43

3 Gourmou QMPGD2000032 7:57

4 Delya QMPGD2000033 6:46

5 Salou QMPGD2000034 6:33

6 Youba QMPGD2000035 6:20

7 Ferene QMPGD2000036 7:11

8 Haidara Moulaye QMPGD2000037 8:10

9 Laurou QMPGD2000038 6:06

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Khaira Arby vocal

Dramane Toure lead guitar

Mahalmadane Abbanassane Traore percussion

Abellow Yattara tehardant/ngoni

Mohamed Ag Mohamed bass guitar

MBarka Dembele rhythm guitar

Abdrahamane Addey Faradji backup vocal

Inna Diarra backup vocal

Written, composed and arranged by Khaira Arby with Mahalmadane A Traore,

Dramane Toure and Dedeou H Traore

All tracks mastered by Dave Cook, Area 52 Studios, Saugerties, NY and

Jon Cohrs, Bearcall Mastering, Kingston NY

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Genre

World Music, Desert Blues, afrorock, Timbuktu, female vocalist

Hashtags

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Lyric summary:

1 Ya Rassoul QMPGD2000030 6:12

A religious chant. Ya rassoul Allah. In praise of Allah. A blessing on the people assembled and the evening.

2 Sourgou QMPGD2000031 7:43

A praise song about the bravery and values of the Tamashek. They are righteous, proud, and fierce fighters.

3 Gourmou QMPGD2000032 7:57

A song about the Islamic religious festival Mahoulid which is held in April.

4 Delya QMPGD2000033 6:46

A mythic tale of the dancer, Delya. Paralyzed in an accident and he could no longer dance. When his friends came to visit he said: Don’t forget me when I’m gone. I will be filled with happiness whenever you play music and dance.

5 Salou QMPGD2000034 6:33

A song of prayer to Allah.

6 Youba QMPGD2000035 6:20

A song about the salt miners of Taoudenni. Their exhausting work, the heat and thirst. Their hunger and the hard work in the mines.

7 Ferene QMPGD2000036 7:11

A song condemning the practice of female excision.

8 Haidara Moulaye QMPGD2000037 8:10

A traditional praise song performed in honor of Cheicknè Moulaye, a great fan, benefactor and supporter of Khaira and her musicians.

9 Laurou QMPGD2000038 6:06

The title of the song refers to the era of Arab slavery. It is a part of Khaira’s heritage and she sings that she is proud of her heritage.

10 Aicha QMPGD2000039 6:10

A traditional song praising a young woman, Aicha, who helped everyone in need.