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URGENT JUMPING!

East African Musiki Wa Dansi Classics

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During the boom years of the 1960s and on into the 70s, East Africa, in particular Nairobi, was an irresistible magnet for musicians throughout the continent. Here they could record during the day and work in a club at night. From all parts of Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Zaïre, South Africa and beyond, musicians switched bands, swapped tunes, jammed, performed and generally added to the musical DNA that even now resonates around the world.

The resulting “perfect storm of international and parochial musical genius” gave birth to a standard of musicianship that has echoed down through the decades. In the 80s, while bands such as Samba Mapangala & Orchestra Virunga were able to find their first new audiences outside of Kenya, Congolese artists such as Tabu Ley and Mbilia Bel found some of their most enthusiastic fans *inside* the region. In the 90s, as the liner notes tell, the pool of musicians in Tanzania was sufficiently skilled and musically educated, that soukous stars needed to look no further than amongst the local talent when booking their backing bands for stadium-filling tours.

Into the new millenium and while hip hop made undeniable gains in East Africa, the love for *zilipendwa* or ‘golden oldies’ never went away. But while the carnivals of Colombia might have opened up to this music many years ago, European and American DJ culture, obsessed with the style and sound of 1970s West Africa, is perhaps only now turning its attention eastwards. But Sterns Africa have a long history of producing and releasing music from all parts of Africa, and on this album we have teamed up with John Armstrong, one of the first club DJs to regularly play African and Latin music in London, and bring you a specially selected set of **27 tracks recorded in East Africa between 1972 – 1982.**

Some are super-rare, some are now finding their way into the boxes of DJs more recently bitten by the East African bug. All are mastered from original analogue tapes as supplied by the producers, and all are “*Musiki Wa Dansi*” classics ... just right for some Urgent Jumping!

CD1

1. L'Orch. Dar International - Rufaa Ya Kiko
2. Afro 70 - Hasara Ya Moto
3. Kauma Boys Band - Rose Atieno
4. Super Mambo Jazz Band "69" - Nasalaki Nini
5. Maquis Du Zaire – Denise
6. Victoria Jazz Band – Anyanga
7. Orchestre Conga Internationale - Nakupenda Sana
8. L'Orch. Dar International - Rudi Nyumbani
9. The Golden Kings Band - Taabu Ya Awendo
10. Sunburst Band - Matatizo Nyumbani
11. Urafiki Jazz Band - Nauli Ya Uda
12. L'Orchestre Grand Piza - Oboti Kolisa
13. Hafusa Abasi & Slim Ali, Kikulacho Yahoos Band - Sina Raha
14. L'Orch. Moja One - Dunia Ni Duara Pts 1 & 2

CD2

1. Sunburst Band - Enzi Za Utumwani
2. Sega Sega Band - John Ochieng
3. L'Orchestre Super Mambo - Kurukia Ukuta
4. Earthquake Jazz Band - Blasio Onyango
5. L'Orch. Dar International - Chama Kimoja
6. Vijana Jazz Band - Kosa La Wazazi
7. Orchestre Special Liwanza - Vicky Pts 1 & 2
8. Super Mambo Jazz Band "69" - Jeanne Mulongo
9. Juwata Jazz Band - Mpenzi Zalina
10. L'Orch. Dar International - Hatari Kubwa
11. Afro 70 - Cha Umheja
12. L'Orch. Dar International - Rafiki Sina Pt 1
13. Orchestre Super Jambo - Yenga Pts 1 & 2

CD2: 1hr 12mins

CD1 time: 1hr 13mins