

# Sekou Kouyate (RG)

The Multiawarded Guinean Kora Virtuoso!

WORLD, JAZZ, MANDINGO, FUNK



The multi Award winning Guinean Kora virtuoso, singer and composer, **Sekou Kouyate**, is considered among the world's finest Kora players. He set new standards for **West African traditional music** to enter the stages of contemporary music.

He invented the electrified kora at the amazing age of 12, and went on to pioneer the sound with Wa Wa pedals, fast riffs, experimental distortions and **funk, rock, afro pop** and **jazz**-influenced playing.

Yet preserving the virtues and techniques of the beautiful instrument, and the knowledge he has proudly inherited from his father, **M'Bady Kouyate**, and while you know it's still a Kora, the things he does with it, turn it on its head; it's little wonder he's been called the **Jimi Hendrix** of the instrument. The sound becomes totally new, exciting waterfalls of notes that are palpably thrilling. Kouyate has been called a **"Musical Genius"** and **"The most exiting musician to have come out of the New Generation of the African Continent"**

” **Sekou Kouyate is one of Africa's most exhilarating Kora players.**

Robin Denselow, The Guardian

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The music is a groovy, warm mix of classical Mandingo, and details of Blues, Soul, Jazz, Flamenco and Afro Pop. In short, Sekou Kouyate has created a music style of its own. His fine, soulful voice & extraordinary playing has inspired a whole new generation of Kora players and earned him several Awards.

Kouyate's New album **'Sabaru'** was nominated for **Afrima Awards 2015** & is on the **Top Ten** list of **World Music Charts Europe, Transglobal World Music Chart Top 20, & Global Village Top 40**. In October Sekou Kouyate won the **'Gold Medal'** from **Global Music Awards**.



#### Short Info Sekou Kouyate

Recent album 'Sabaru' One World Records 2015

Line-Up 4 or 5 musicians & 1 or 2 crew

Origin Guinea/ Traveling from Europe & Africa

Artist web site [www.sekoukouyate.com](http://www.sekoukouyate.com)

Territories Austria, Switzerland & Germany

Period All year

#### Line Up

Sekou Kouyate / Kora & Vocal

John Mutumbo / Guitar

Henrik West / Bass & Vocal

Francis Kweku Osei / Drums, Tama & Vocal

Tony Moreaux / Congas

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