## KYEKYEKU

## Ghana Highlife – Afrobeat – Palmwine Blues

'A fabulous guitarist'

BBC Global Beats

BBC WORLD SERVICE

'Kyekyeku is setting a new tempo for the Ghanaian music scene' 'A wizard with a guitar'

**CNN African Voices** 



'Kyekyeku, the little prince of Palmwine' 'Impossible to resist the warm and lively sound of brass, percussion and this contagious joy, this artistic generosity ' [Kyekyeku and his musicians] 'magnify note after note the cardinal virtues of a musical heritage erected in an art of living: sharing, pleasure and openness to others. The

Forbes Afrique For

trademark of Kyekyeku."

Forbes

'Kyekyeku is a rare cat indeed in Ghana—a talented young guitar player interested in developing the all-but-vanished art of palm wine guitar.'

Afropop Worldwide



'The young, talented singer-songwriter and guitarist Kyekyeku is flying the flag for an older accoustic folk genre known as Palmwine music'

**RFI World Music Matters** 



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## KYEKYEKU – BIOGRAPHY

Kyekyeku (Tche-Tche-Kou), described by CNN African Voices as a 'wizard with the guitar' is



from a new generation of Ghanaian musicians who makes the distant past meet contemporary idioms of West Africa's big musical heritage. His music draws from the forest folk Palmwine blues and the cross rhythms of Ghana that gave birth to some of the unique styles to have come out of Africa south of the Sahara.

Kyekyeku creates a unique a high-energy sound mixed in with Highlife and Afrofunk of fellow countrymen Ebo Taylor and Pat Thomas erupting in an exciting Afro-urban beat.

With lyrics reminiscent of village recreational songs, protest songs, love poetry and old African spirituality, his music touches on themes concerned with the well-being of Africa and the world society.

Kyekyeku escorts you on a soulful journey to the enchanting lands of West Africa in a Palmwine meets-Highlife-meets-World Grooves fun moment!

Kyekyeku released his second album in June 2017 and toured Europe throughout Summer 2017 with his band from Accra '5 Days No Light Off'.

Video:

Portrait on CNN African Voices - <u>https://youtu.be/yJk4tdl0NbA</u> Live at Visa for Music 2016 'Sor' - <u>https://youtu.be/5i4-TZKV00M</u> 'Beautiful Place' - <u>https://youtu.be/bF\_wlkK6gmQ</u> Kyekyeku-The Highlife Project: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZVxpzJvkhl</u>

Albums:

Second Album: 'Sor' (2017) https://soundcloud.com/kyekyeku/sets/album-higher-life-on-palmwine

Debut album: 'Higher Life on Palmwine (2015) - <u>https://soundcloud.com/kyekyeku/sets/new-album-sor-private-listening</u>

Africa Voodoo Party - <u>https://soundcloud.com/kyekyeku/africa-voodoo-party</u> Pay me Friday - <u>https://soundcloud.com/kyekyeku/pay-me-friday</u>

No boundaries - https://soundcloud.com/kyekyeku/no-boundaries

Recent performances: Feito a Man Festival – Spain – August 2017 The Hague African Music Festival – Holland – July 2017 Kasumama African Music Festival – Austria – July 2017 New Morning – Paris – February 2017 Bozar (Afropolitan Festival) – Brussels – February 2017 Sauti Za Busara Official Selection – Tanzania – February 2017 Visa for Music Official Selection – Rabat – November 2016 Alliance Francaise Accra – October 2016

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Accra Stanbic Jazz Festival – Accra – June 2016 MASA Official Selection– Abidjan – March 2016

A few upcoming concerts: Catach Festival – France – September 2017 Ecuries de Baroja – France- September 2017

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