



BRASSAFRIK

'Move your ass and the rest will follow'

BRASSAFRIK, a **MET-X** project of Babs Jobo (talking drum) and Stefaan Blancke (trombone) represents the musical exchange between Africa and the rest of the world. In this band, musicians turn the African rhythms into poly-layered patterns with an exceptional groove. The surprising timing of the extrovert horn section refers to traditional African question-and-answer designs as well as to pounding afrobeat, highlife and European brass tunes.

Ever since they met on the scene of the Belgian Afrobeat Association and Wawadadakwa, Babs and Stefaan were hatching a plot to start up a project that would create an energetic clash between percussion and brass. The ultimate recipe for this steaming melting pot: compositions of both musicians carrying the traces of their musical paths. When MET-X Moving Music provided a solid foundation for production, the duo set up a massive band. **BRASSAFRIK** was born and keen to be heard. West African rhythms flow seamlessly together with the tight pulses of the brass riffs that set alight this impressive crowd. Armed with copper, leather and wood, BRASSAFRIK organically progresses while hitting the scenes of many festivals and street celebrations. When on top of that the band adds a solid pinch of African dance to the whole on the pretext of *'Move your ass and the rest will follow'*, there is just no escape to this whirling party!



Brassafrik released its **first album** in April 2010 on the MET-X label 'A-Shams'. In very little time, the band built up a solid live reputation. In 2010, they won the audience prize of the festival of international street music 'Haizetara' in the Spanish Basque country. In 2011 they toured in the UK for the Durham Brass Festival. Brassafrik is also planning to perform beyond the EU: in 2012 the musicians will travel to Ghana for a new project. But until then, they will continue to tear the roof off with their massive sound!

«Take a horn player and a percussionist from Wawadadakwa and Belgian Afrobeat Association with roots in the Flemish clay and the mud from the Ghanean Volta river. Let them set up a bigband with a bunch of fine musicians and see how they play their way into parties with afrobeat, jazz and other funky grooves. Tasty ? No, irresistible. » Misha Blutds – Rif Raf Magazine

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Brassafrik Musicians

Babs Jobo	tama, djembe, lead vocals
Bode Owa	doun doun, backing vocals
Lezin Mpoutou	djembe, lolo, likembe, congas, backing vocals
Adama Kanouté	doun solo, ngoni, backing vocals
Zulema Hechevarria Blanco	bells, shekere, backing vocals
Stefaan Blancke	trombone
Dirk Timmermans	trumpet
Lot Vandekeybus	tenor tuba
Mbalia Ture / Aminata Ture	dance
Berlinde Deman	tuba
Luc Mishalle	tenor & soprano saxophone
Ludovic Jeanmart	alto & en soprano saxophone

Production: MET-X

MET-X is a house for and from musicians. We transform sounds from the belly of the city into a unique musical universe. In close collaboration with enthusiastic artists coming from the most different horizons we manufacture the creative elements in order to form bands, events and educational processes. Our acoustic universe is closely linked to that of the steaming capital: sometimes loud, sometimes soft, sometimes beautiful, sometimes ugly. Never smooth. Always exciting.

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