

LES BOUKAKES

Origin: Algeria/France
 Style: Oriental Rock Electro
 Record Label: Atlas Music Pro
 Current Album: "Marra" (2008)
 Touring Party: 5 (on stage) + 1
 On Tour: Summer 2011
 Territory: Germany, Austria, German-Speaking
 Switzerland, Eastern Europe
 Booker: Anna Meyer



Nominated for BBC Award 2007 in the category „Best Artist Mid East & North Africa“

Whenever orient meets occident, you can be sure the name Les Boukakes is bound to fall. The young musicians take the Rai "grand master" Khaled's way of mixing oriental sounds with funk and reggae a step further by using new ingredients like Rock and electronic sounds to form a unique, fresh and more energetic style: **RAI 'N' ROCK**. Powerful songs with catchy hook lines and an absolutely convincing front man are guaranteed to make any audience dance.

2004 was a year of great success. Shortly after the public had first discovered Rai 'n' Rock and Les Boukakes with it, the band **won many prestigious prizes (FAIR; Decouvertes Printemps de Bourges;...)** and was featured in the documentary "Nur die Stimme zählt" (engl. "the voice is all that counts") by the European TV-station ARTE.

They completed their very successful year by recording their **second Album "BLEDI"** which was released and introduced to the European festival audience. Les Boukakes shared stages with famous musicians such as Manu Chao, The Wailers, Taraf de Haidouks, Ch. Rimiti, Rachid Taha and The Skatalites. A fantastic concert at **WOMEX 2005, which convinced press and promoters alike**, leveraged Les Boukakes to one of the most interesting Rai groups in the world music scene.

Consequently it was no surprise that they played an extended European tour (e.g. **SZIGET FESTIVAL**), with additional gigs in Morocco and Qatar and several shows in Germany and Austria (e.g. Lörrach – Stimmen Festival, Vienna – Salam Orient Festival, Munich – Muffatwerk).

The release of **current album "Marra"** was again accompanied by a tour which included performances at the Kölner Stadtgarten, the **Masala Weltbeat Festival** in Hannover and the **Colours of Ostrava Festival**.

Expect them to give their fans some love next year as well, rocking stages once more.



"Make a note of the name. If there's any justice you're going to be hearing a lot of them in the near future."

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"Fusing rai'n'rock'n'reggae, they married Orient and Occident to great effect."

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