

SIMPHIWE DANA

Origin: South Africa
 Style: Jazz, Soul, Gospel; Afropop
 Label: Skip Records
 Current Album: „Kulture Noire “ (2010)
 Touring Party: 6+2
 On Tour: all year 2011
 Territory: Europe
 Booker: Moritz Rosin



SIMPHIWE DANA is the new voice of South Africa and is already compared to artists such as the most successful South African Singers **Miriam Makeba** or US performers such as the great soul singer **Erykah Badu** or Hip Hop singer **Lauryn Hill**.

Her debut Album “Zandisilie” was released in 2004 and instantly reached **double platinum status** in South Africa and hit **number 3 of the European World Music Charts**. The Album was nominated in 4 categories of the **South African Music Award**, 2 of which she won: **“Best Jazz Vocal Album”** and **“Best Newcomer”**

In 2006 her second Album “The One Love Movement on Bantu Biko Street” was released which again hit platinum and also got her 4 nominations for the South African Music Awards, whereas this time she **won all four of the nominations**: -„Best Album of the Year“, “Best Female Solo Artist”, **“Best Contemporary Jazz”** and **“Best Jazz Vocal Album”**.

With her new release “Kulture Noir” SIMPHIWE DANA reached hit **number 3 of the European World Music Charts** again.

“This Woman has what it takes. The fact is that Simphiwe Dana has been blessed with a voice that makes people perk up their ears” – Rolling Stone

Apart from her strong fan base in South Africa where Simphiwe is a regular guest on prestigious shows and where she performs together with international stars such as **Angelique Kidjo**, Simphiwe is also highly celebrated in Europe. She enthused audiences whilst touring through Germany, Spain, England, Switzerland, Austria and the Netherlands. A few highlights include her performances **at Barbican London, VS Swing, Palatia Jazz, Festival Mundial and Jazzfest Vienna, Festival Acert (Portugal), Afro Festival in Wintherthur, London African Music Festival, Roma Jazzfest, Estival de Jazz in Lugano** amongst many others. During the **World cup in Germany 2010** she was invited to play a concert at **Haus der Kulturen der Welt Berlin** she was awarded with the **AVO Award**, next to Elton John that year.

SIMPHIWE DANA will present her **new album** in 2011 on a tour through Europe – sure to enthuse critics and audiences alike!



“The best thing to happen in Afro Soul music since Miriam Makeba? A talent to rival Lauryn Hill, India Arie, Erykah Badu? Without a doubt. Get used to the name. Simphiwe Dana has a voice that pulls you up short.” - Songlines