

FAMARA HISTORY

FAMARA, civil name Thomas Nikles, grew up as a son of a fabricant family in Leimtal (Switzerland). After the participation at a percussion workshop in 1984, his interest in african music could not be stopped again.

Only after a few solo appearances, different Afro- and Latinbands invited him to perform with them. At one of those performances with the Basler Raggirl «Luana» he switched from percussion performer to a raggamuffin singer. The first single «Sunshine Blubber» (1987) could get some resonance in Switzerland but only with the move to Gambia (1988) he got the appreciation he deserved. The «Gambia Weekend Observer» wrote after a concert which was organized for the independence day of Gambia, where he played for 15'000 People; «Swiss reggae star in town».

On his second visit to Gambia he toured various venues and also recorded the album «Natural Fact» which was released in 1999. In 2000 he toured through Mali, Senegal and Gambia.

After many concerts and TV interviews in Switzerland and the rest of the world including an appearance with «YOUSSOU N'DOUR» and «TIKEN JAH FAKOLY», the emergence of the CD albums «Sunlife» 2001, «Toubab Man» 2003, «Famasound» 2004, «Double Culture» 2005 and «Oreba» 2008, he is ready with the new album «THE SOUND OF FAMARA». With over 500 shows in Switzerland so far, including almost every big festival at home and abroad (Gampel, St. Gallen, Frauenfeld, Heitere, Summerjam, Cheimsee, Rototom Sunsplash etc.), as well as concerts with «SEED», «GENTLEMAN» and «ZIGGY MARLEY», FAMARA is one of the most active and successful Swiss-Reggae acts!

FAMARA MEMBERS

Thomas Nikles / FAMARA

Vocals, Percussion

backed by

Giuseppe Maienza

Keyboards

Magor Szilagyi

Guitars

Rainer Schudel

Bass

Andy Lang

Drums

FAMARA DISCOGRAPHY

2008 «Oreba»	Album	N-Gage (NG 01205-2) MV (CH) / INTERGROOVE (worldwide)
2005 «Double Culture»	Album	N-Gage (NG 01204-2) MV (CH) / INTERGROOVE (worldwide)
2004 «Famasound»	Album	N-Gage (NG 01203-2) MV (CH) / INTERGROOVE (worldwide)
2003 «Toubab Man»	Album	N-Gage (NG 01201) MV (CH) / INTERGROOVE (worldwide)
2001 «Sunlife»	Album	N-Gage (NG 01202) MV (CH) / INTERGROOVE (worldwide)

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