

baaba maal

Tales from the Sahel

An Evening with Baaba Maal

One of the true stars to rise from the African continent, Senegalese master musician Baaba Maal has been making music for the world to enjoy for nearly two decades. With releases ranging from contemporary Afropop to expressions of time-honored African music, his projects have received resounding critical acclaim worldwide.

Baaba Maal's unique and thought-provoking Tales from the Sahel project comes to the United States following a successful March 2011 UK tour.

The intimate performances of Tales from the Sahel will feature ancient Fula stories from Senegal; a discussion about how such mythological tales have led to the inspiration that is modern Africa; and performances of songs that have emerged from these two apparently divergent strands. Maal will play with multi-instrumentalist Jim Palmer and his longstanding percussionist Mamadou Sarr.

Renowned for his fiery performances by fusing funk, rock and blues with the beats and melodies of West Africa, Baaba Maal has earned critical acclaim, and has continually reinforced his role as a seminal artist in the world music arena. Touring nearly every continent, the overwhelming universal response to his energetic live performances has been utter awe. Maal also represents the United Nations Development Program as a spokesman on the issue of HIV/Aids in Africa. He is a legendary artist and spokesperson for Africa - a focused force of honest passion, both simple and complex, traditional and contemporary.

'We are going into the third millennium, where we will be inspired by our culture,' Baaba says. 'This is the beginning of a renaissance for Africa and its culture. Not just musically, but in terms of theatre, of movies, of dancing, and of other cultural movements.'

Baaba Maal can speak and sing to and for Africa with unprecedented authority.

"The music they made...was magnificent: hypnotic and galvanizing, uplifting and visceral."

THE NEW YORK TIMES

"Maal is a marvelous performer to watch..."

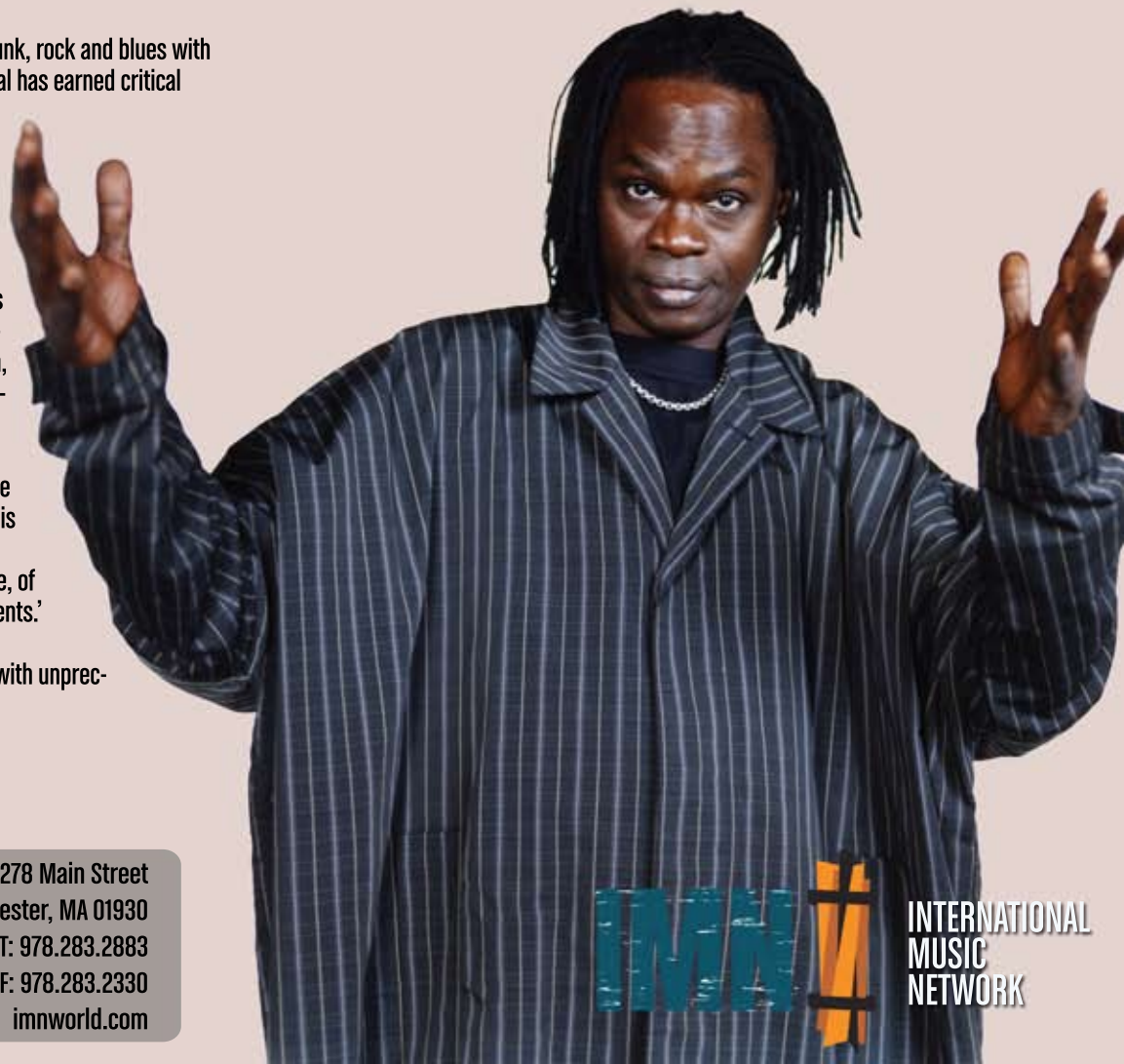
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"Baaba Maal is one of the finest singers in the world."

THE GUARDIAN

"Simultaneously traditional and contemporary, this is a towering work of art".

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