

Mp3 Malam Maman Barka - Guidan Haya



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Intense and poetic music from the master of the gurumi of Niger accompanied by the powerful percussion of the douma and kalongu. 14 MP3 Songs WORLD: African- West, WORLD: African Details: Malam Maman Barka is a teacher, a musician, a poet, and an inspiring force to millions in his West African homeland of Niger. He has been performing music professionally on his gurumi, a two-stringed instrument with a calabash shell body and iguana skin head, for over 20 years. More recently, he traveled to the shores of Lake Chad in the far southeastern corner of Niger to apprentice himself to an old master of the biram, a five-stringed boat-shaped harp instrument of the Boudouma ethnic group. Malam Barka's teacher on the biram was possibly the only living exponent of this beautiful and sacred instrument before Malam Barka began his mission to spread awareness of the biram both in Niger and abroad. In addition to his instrumental work, Malam Barka is a singer with a captivating delivery and penetrating lyrical style that covers a wide spectrum of human experience from love and the struggles of daily life to broad sociopolitical and philosophical issues. Guidan Haya is the first recording of Nigerien gurumi master Malam Maman Barka to be released outside of Niger. It includes a number of the songs that have made Malam Barka a much beloved songwriter and performer in Niger as well as his newest compositions. These intimate field recordings were made on location in Niamey, Niger and feature the powerful percussion of Oumarou Adamou on the douma and kalongu accompanying the inimitable voice and gurumi of Malam Barka. People who are interested in Lightnin Hopkins Ali Farka Tour should consider this download.

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