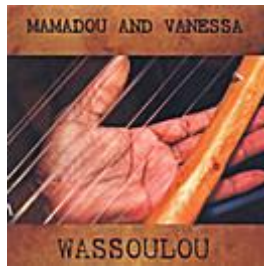


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Music from the Wassoulou Region of Mali, West Africa. Award-winning band blends a soulful mix of traditional African melodies with blues. 14 MP3 Songs in this album (58:58) ! Related styles: WORLD: African- West, BLUES: Acoustic Blues People who are interested in Ali Farka Tour Salif Keita Oumou Sangare should consider this download. Details: Winners of the 2008 West Coast International Songwriters International Song contest, as well as the Billboard World Music Songwriting Competition, the Independent Music Awards, and the John Lennon Songwriting Contest. Master kamale ngoni player, Mamadou Sidibe is from the Wassoulou Region of Mali, West Africa. Twenty-five years ago Mamadou played a groundbreaking role in transforming the music of this region from it's origins in hunters' sacred melodies--played on six string donso ngoni (hunter's harps)-- to a music of philosophical observations, politics and daily life. Mamadou was one of the first to expand the instrument's range with two extra strings, creating the popular kamale ngoni. He has recently enhanced the kamale ngoni even further, by creating 10 and 12 string kamale ngoni. Mamadou, with artists Coumba Sidibe, Oumou Sangare and Ramatu Diakite, spread the new sounds through recordings and performances in Europe, Africa and the United States. Not only is Mamadou a master of the kamale ngoni, he is accomplished on several other African instruments as well. Vanessa Sidibe, originally from New York, is an accomplished Afro- Cuban and Salsa musician. She has performed, recorded and taught in the San Francisco Bay Area and New York City for over fifteen years. She brings earthy depth and ethereal sensuality to all her vocals whether singing in English, Bambara or Spanish. In addition, her time spent in Havana, Cuba, shows with her impeccable rhythm on percussion.

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