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AFRICA'S SOUND GODS TO LOOK OUT For in 2022

2022 is so far awesome as it all began with stars in the local music ecosystem anointing the afro beats genre with rich diversity.
They are exposing the continent's diverse regional styles furthermore, bringing numerous musical talents to the global scene. Here is a short selection of artists that you should definitely keep an eye on this year.

CKAY (NIGERIA)

Chukwuka Ekweani (born July 16, 1995) is an Afrobeats singer, songwriter, and record producer based in Nigeria, who is known professionally by the stage name, Ckay.
Specializing in the Afropop sub-genre, Ckay is one of Nigeria's leading artists, having made his mark with commercially successful projects like Ckay the First and Boyfriend.
Formerly signed to Chocolate City Music Group, Ckay 's single, Love Nwantiti (Ah Ah Ah), earned a spot on the US Billboard Hot 100 in 2021. Also, he is the first African artist to hit 20 million Spotify Listeners.

REMA (NIGERIA)

A Nigerian singer and rapper that rose to prominence with the release of the song "Iron Man", which appeared on Barack Obama's 2019 summer playlist. In 2019, he signed a record deal with Jonzing World, a subsidiary of Mavin Records.
The Nigerian top talented artist and a unique music performer, Rema is now out with a new stunning song titled "Time N Affection".
On the new song he featured an American highly skilled artist who is popularly known as Chris Brown.
Time N affection, is an amazing love song as Chris Brown basks in his Euphoria of blending with afrobeats magically.

KOHEN JAYCEE (UGANDAN)

"Kohen Jaycee" is a Ugandan RnB Singer/Vocalist. He started out as a live performer at a young age doing poetry and acoustic music. He later on started performing covers of popular songs and sharing them on his Facebook and other social media platforms. He has gained quite a following. He also featured on songs like "Last Love Song" featuring Symo Sp and Popular Ugandan Rapper Pryce Teeba, "Get Rocking" featuring ...D'Cargo and both these got good reception making him earn quite a number of fans in Uganda and Internationally.
Kohen debuted his single "Ride Out" featuring Producer Allan Clive, which was his first Single.

SHAWN MAINE (UGANDAN)

The Afro fusion artist started making music in 2018 just after graduating from Aga Khan High School.
He fuses Pop, soul and RnB to create his own unique sound. He looks up to Sam Smith, John Legend and Summer Walker as his musical inspirations.Other than Blankets and Wine, he has also performed at the Wizkid Live in Kampala Concert , Anne Kansiime's first Pollination Night at Kubby's Bar and also did a Sofar Sounds Kampala event.
His music can be found on all music streaming sites including Apple Music, Tidal, Spotify and Deezer.

DARKO VIBES (NIGERIA)

Paul Nii Amu Andrew Darko (born 1995) [1] known as Darko vibes, is a Ghanaian born singer songwriter. His music categorizes as experimental music where he blends highlife, hip hop and rap.[2] Darko vibes is known for his 2016 single 'Mercy'.

YOUNG JOHN (NIGERIA)

Young John is a Nigerian record producer and audio engineer. He is best known for producing the critically acclaimed single titled "Story For The Gods' ' off Olamide's Street OT album.
With music production credits on albums including Street OT and 2 Kings, Young John was ranked #3 in The NET 's list of "Nigeria's Top 7 Biggest Music Producers"and went on to be nominated in the "Producer of The Year" categories at the 2015 Nigeria Entertainment Awards and The Headies 2015.He works with Hit Factory Studio which is currently affiliated with YBNL Nation.
YoungJohn's production style has been described as an up-tempo, dance oriented, and catchy yet simple melodic Afro-pop style. His work ethic has been praised by the industry considering the number of artists he has worked with within a very short period of time.
He has worked with various artistes like Olamide, Jaywon, Sexy Steel, Stringz, Sukanmi, Davido, Reminisce, Charass, Lil Kesh, Danaagog, BuckWylla, Yung Kay, Viktoh, LAX, among many others.
He recently released a new project called Dada which is doing well in east and west Africa.

BRUCE MELODIE (RWANDA)

In 2022, Rwandan artist Bruce Melodie will celebrate his 30th birthday as well as his 10-year career spanning beyond the borders of his own country.
This famous RnB singer, songwriter and producer began singing at an early age, first in his church choir then as a backup singer for various Rwandan artists. 'Ndumiwe', his instant classic of a first album, dropped in 2013, quickly followed in 2014 by a second successful album called Ntundize.
Over the past eight years, Bruce Melodie has also received a significant number of awards: The Salax Awards crowned him Best RnB Artist in 2014 and 2019 as well as Best Male Artist in 2016 and 2019. He also won the 8th season of reality singing competition Primus Guma Guma Super Star in 2018.
In the summer of 2021, Bruce Melody released 'Katapilla', a new single that won him the Best Summer Artist award at the Kiss Summer Awards. 'Kataplila' was followed by 'Sawa Sawa' (featuring the Kenyan rapper Kaligraph Jones), another single from his upcoming

album CHAPTER 12:21, which is already shaping up to be a major hit in the Rwandan charts in 2022.

FAVE (NIGERIA)

Nigerian female singer, GodsFavour Chidozie, popularly known as FAVE SZN, has been dubbed the next big thing in the Nigerian music industry.

Many people have said she is the next big thing after Tems, while some have compared her music style and sound with that of Tems.

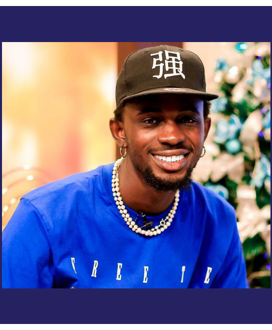
The 21-year-old singer started her blossoming music career in June 2019 with her song, 'M.O.M.M.S' (Me or Mask My Sins).

Fave's chart-topping singles, 'Baby Riddim' and 'Beautifully,' have also ensured that she remains top of mind.

The young star has also been on the radar of Nigerian veteran rapper, singer, and songwriter, Olamide who featured her on two tracks, 'Want' and 'PonPon' off his 12th studio album 'UY Scuti.'

She also released her debut music project 'Riddim 5'EP on the 20th of January, 2022.

In this interview with PREMIUM TIMES, the singer speaks more about her career and signature sound.



BLACK SHERIF (NIGERIA)

Mohammed Ismail Sherif known professionally as Black Sherif is a Ghanaian musician and performer from Konongo, Ghana. Wikipedia

Born: January 9, 2002 (age 20 years), Konongo, Ghana

Also known as: Blacko, Kweku Frimpong

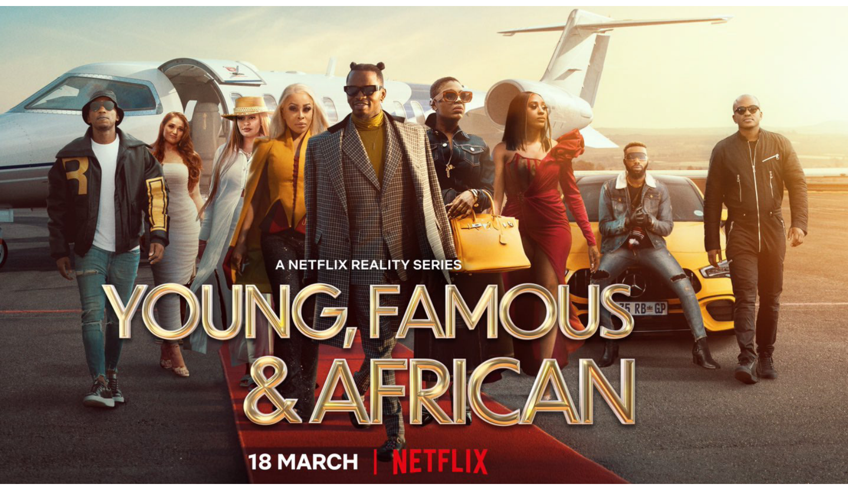
Associated acts: Amerado; Kwesi Arthur; Burna Boy; Kwame Yesu

OXLADE (NIGERIA)

Ikuforiji Olaitan Abdulrahman, known professionally by his stage name Oxlade, is a Nigerian singer and songwriter signed to Troniq Music, Epic Records in France, and Columbia Records in the UK. He rose to prominence with the release of the song "Away", which appeared on Rolling Stone 50 best songs of 2020.

Born: April 22, 1997 (age 24 years), Surulere, Ikeja, Nigeria

Movie Review.



YOUNG,FAMOUS AND AFRICA

YOUNG,FAMOUS AND AFRICA is a Netflix original first African reality television series, starring Pan-African stars Khanyi Mbau, Annie Macualay-Idibia, Zari Hassan, Diamond Platnumz, Andile Ncube, Jeremiah Ogbodo, Naked DJ, Nadia Nakai, Kayleigh Schwark and 2Baba.

The show focused on building careers, looking for love, and rekindling old flames of famous media personalities from South Africa, Nigeria, Uganda and Tanzania.

The series premiered on 18 March 2022.

The reality show has had many people have mixed reactions with most applauding the African film industry to be growing steadily.

We are excitedly waiting for season 2.#mustwatch

Lifestyle

MISS SHEE'S DEBUT

READY-TO-WEAR COLLECTION IS A SPLASH OF COLOR AND PRINTS!

Her Fashion Box, a fashion store located on Crane Plaza in Kisementi, recently unveiled their debut ready-to-wear collection. Aptly named 'Miss Shee', the name of proprietor of the brand, the collection features "ready-to-wear pieces for every woman." Miss Shee goes ahead to describe it as "luxurious and very comfortable to wear." The collection is a splash of prints and color with funky cocktail dresses, easy breezy jumpsuits and fabulous palazzo pants. The campaign pictures and accompanying video imbue the same vibe with Miss Shee' friends coming together to bring the vision to life.

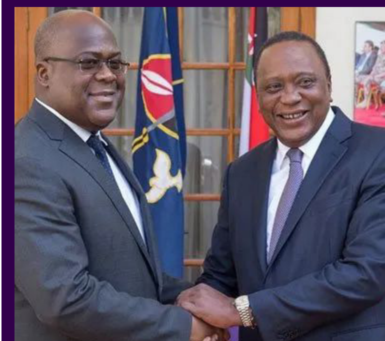
Have You Heard?

H.E THE PRESIDENT PROMISES TO PAY SCHOOL FEES FOR KIDS AND COMPLETE THE MANSION OF THE LATE RT HON JACOB OULANYAH

President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni while meeting the Greater North Parliamentary Forum representatives at State House Nakasero on Thursday made this commitment.

Douglas Peter Okello, the Omoro District Chairperson earlier disclosed that the Late Oulanyah was supporting up to 150 learners in both Primary, Secondary and the University.
Thus, the President's pledge comes as a relief to the dependents who had predicted a future of uncertainties.
The Late Oulanyah, 56, died on Sunday March 20th, 2022 from a hospital in Seattle, United States of America where he was admitted for specialized treatment since February 4th.
He was the first serving Speaker to die in office.
The President also directed flags to fly at half-mast until the burial of the Speaker is concluded.
Following Oulanyah's demise, Deputy Speaker Anita Among was elected as Speaker and deputized by former Government Chief Whip Thomas Tayebwa.
The body of the late Jacob Oulanya is set to arrive at Entebbe International Airport and to be buried on friday next week which has been confirmed to be a public holiday.
REST IN ETERNAL PEACE ...

DRC OFFICIALLY JOINS EAC.



The Democratic Republic of Congo has joined the East African Community (EAC) as its seventh member, massively expanding the territory of the trade bloc, giving it access to the Atlantic Ocean and greatly increasing the numbers of French speakers in what began as a club of former British colonies.Trade in eastern Africa is set for a boost after officially welcoming its seventh member, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), into the East Africa Community (EAC) today (March 29). Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda are the other members.
The DRC is the largest and most populous country to join the EAC, bringing a market of 90 million people and immediately upgrading the region's GDP from $193 billion to $240 billion.

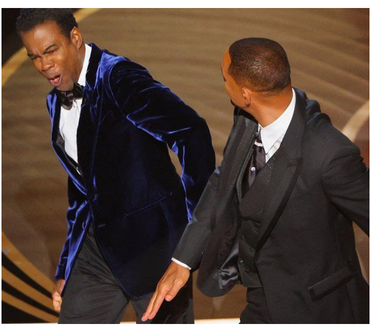
Despite being admitted to join EAC, security continues to remain unstable.
The move may also help bring more stability to the DRC, which has been riven by conflict for decades. On March 28, violence erupted in the east of the country when M23 rebels attacked the DRC army near the border with Uganda and Rwanda, Reuters reports.

KABOZI

RUGER ANGRILY STORMS OFF STAGE AFTER 'CRAZY' FAN GRABS HIS MANHOOD....

There was a mild drama during the live performance of Nigerian singer, Michael Adebayo, popularly known as Ruger, after he was sexually assaulted on stage.
In the now viral video, a female fan grabbed Rugger's manhood when he moved to the edges of the stage during a performance on Sunday evening 27th March 2022.
Following the incident, a visibly shocked and angry Ruger stood staring at the fan before deciding to walk away and end his performance.

WILL SMITH AND CHRIS ROCKS SAGA.

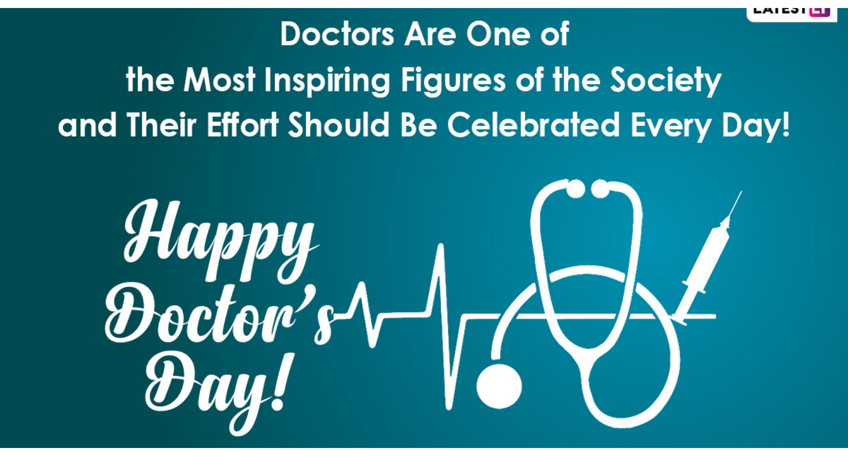


After the slap, Will Smith was asked to leave Oscars and Refused.
Will Smith refused to leave the Oscars ceremony after attacking comedian Chris Rock, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences revealed Wednesday, as it began disciplinary action against the mega star.
Smith could face expulsion from the Academy for the open-handed slap, which came moments before he was handed the best actor award for his role in "King Richard" -- an announcement greeted with cheers by the audience.
"While we would like to clarify that Mr. Smith was asked to leave the ceremony and refused, we also recognize we could have handled the situation differently," a statement said.
Mr. Smith is being provided at least 15 days' notice of a vote regarding his violations and sanctions, and the opportunity to be heard beforehand by means of a written response.
"At the next board meeting on April 18, the Academy may take any disciplinary action, which may include suspension, expulsion, or other sanctions permitted by the Bylaws and Standards of Conduct."

BLANKETS AND WINE WAS A SUCCESS..

The much anticipated Blankets & wine event happened on Sunday 27th March 2022 at Lugogo Cricket Oval. The party goers got pumped up for one of Uganda's crowd pulling shows.
DJ & Artist Line up;
Bruce Melodie from Rwanda, Spice Diana, Zex Bilangilangi, Cosign Yenze, Trroy Music, Ebrahim Soul O, Shakib & Miss Deedan from Uganda.
Nviiri The Story Teller from Kenya graced the stage as well.
The event had numerous DJs including; Deejay Alisha, Fem Deejay and DJ Bankrobber among others

Health


Doctors Are One of
the Most Inspiring Figures of the Society
and Their Effort Should Be Celebrated Every Day!
Happy Doctor's Day!
LATEST

March 30 is Doctors' Day, an annual observance aimed at appreciating physicians who help save our lives everywhere. The holiday first started in 1933 in Winder, Georgia, and since then it's been honored every year on March 30 which was the first anniversary of a doctor using ether anesthesia by Dr. Crawford W. Long. Today we continue to celebrate medical advances like these and thank all doctors everywhere who have spent so much time and energy mastering their field of expertise.

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