



Exclusive single by "Orchestre Baka de Gbiné" to be released on iTunes

In the rainforests of Cameroon near the Congo border a group of Baka musicians have been busy writing songs. Inspired both by their strong traditional music and by the Congolese songs they hear blasting out of the bars on their trips into town, and using guitars brought to them by Martin Cradick of British based band, Baka Beyond, they have developed their own unique style.



the recording set-up



the "studio"

These songs were recorded live on a mobile solar-powered studio set up under a giant tree in the forest where they live. They are just a taster of what to expect when their album is released in spring 2006 before they tour UK with Baka Beyond at the end of April. In order to raise the money needed to get passports and travel from their forest home to explore Europe, they have decided to release this single exclusively on iTunes now. The incongruity of music from the depths of the rainforest being recorded and distributed with the most modern technology appeals to the Baka's highly developed sense of irony, as well as being a forerunner of exciting new possibilities for musicians living in isolated communities around the world.

Gbiné is an association that the Baka musicians have set up with the help of the British based charity, Global Music Exchange. It exists to promote Baka culture and to aid in the development of the whole Baka community. They have already built a music house that has become the cultural centre of their community now also known as Gbiné. The "Orchestre Baka de Gbiné" act as ambassadors to the outside world, raising funds for the greater community and raising awareness of their situation in an isolated and endangered corner of the world. They also are experts at raising what the Irish would call the "craic" and what they call the "Spirit of the Forest"

warning!! this music can cause serious enjoyment - if its cool to be miserable then listen to something else!

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