

SORG & NAPOLEON MADDOX

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We can't stop the rapper of Cincinnati, Napoleon Maddox! Leader of the Iswhat?! band, collaborator of the saxophonist and New York poet Roy Nathanson, Archie Shepp in Phat Jam, or artistic director of the tribute show to Nina Simone *A Riot Called Nina* alongside The Boxettes and Sophia Domancich, Napoleon Maddox comes back with this brand new hip hop project tinged with electro funk and soul samples. He distills his sharp-edged and flow on production of SORG, a young beatmaker/ producer from Besançon, considered as one of the most promising of his generation after the release of his first EP "16 Diamonds." EP bearing the Wild West piece, the result of the first meeting between the two men and premise of this new collaboration.

"Sorg & Napoleon Maddox" sign their first EP "Ribbons & Razors" out March 10, 2014. An album of 6 tracks that marks the beginning of a strong collaboration across the Atlantic, with the guest singer, ArinMaya and the rap artist, Boogie Bang, both Americans.

On stage, Sorg & Napoleon Maddox deliver an energetic and committed hip hop show which remind the golden age while exploring creatively modern sounds!

A project supported by the Music Scene "La Rodia" in Besançon.

LINE UP

Sorg: Machines

Napoleon Maddox: Voice

Ease: Video

BIOGRAPHY

SORG – MACHINES –



24 years old musician, producer and beatmaker, Sorg performs on the hip hop / electro french stages with many artists such as Lilea Narrative, Yoggyone, Zo aka La Chauve Souris, Zerolex, Cotton Claw... His first EP « PREFACE » released in March 2012 leads him to a french tour including l'International (Paris, Fr), Nordik Impakt (Caen, Fr), Saulcy Blaster (Metz, Fr), La Rodia (Besançon, Fr). He shares the stage with Slugabed, Al Tarba, Everydayz, Robert le Magnifique, Lilea Narrative, Zerolex, Yoggyone, Fakear, Madmax...

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After a free EP released with Zerolex & Fakear on the Superpoze's label, Combien Mille Records, Sorg revealed his second EP in february 2014 : « 16 Diamonds ». A new opus positively welcomed by the public and emphasized by the track « Wild West » featuring the american rapper Napoleon Maddox.

Napoleon Maddox – VOICE –



Napoleon Maddox is a hip hop vocalist from Cincinnati, Ohio, USA. Also known by the stage name NapoleonSolo, he is a proficient rapper, beatboxer, and singer.

Napoleon does workshops, clinics and masterclasses about Hip-hop and Human Beatboxing. His unique approach to teaching Beatboxing includes methods that empower the participants to perform acoustically. He also shares in his session ways to work in ensembles with other beatboxers and musicians. Napoleon's work has been commissioned by universities, festivals and art institutions, which have presented him in several cities in France, England, Serbia, Slovenia and America.

In 2009, Mr. Maddox was also sponsored by the US Embassy in Estonia for a series of workshops and concerts in 6 Estonian cities for Jazz Month. The work that he prepared with the participants in the workshops was presented in a major concert for the JazzKaar Festival.

Napoleon also leads the live Hip-hop group IsWhat?! formed in the fall of 1996, ISWHAT?! has shared bills and/or collaborated with Antibalas, Saul Williams, KRS ONE, The Herbaliser, Tumi & the Volume,

Hocus Pocus, Authur H, The Roots, Brother Ali, James Blood Ulmer and others. With IsWhat?!, Napoleon has toured the United States and Europe; in 2007 the group performed with Archie Shepp in Italy. Mr. Shepp appreciated the sound & feeling of this concert that he offered to release it as "Phat Jam", a new project on his label.

Unlike most hip hop artists, Maddox generally performs with acoustic instruments, including double bass and saxophones.

He has recorded with Hamid Drake and also toured with the New York city-based duo Transmitting (Jane LeCroy and Tom Abbs). He has worked with Chuck D, Henry Grimes, Bojan Z, David Krakuer, Oliver Lake, Claire Daly, Ming+FS, Karsh Kale, and Magic Malik.

Maddox also works supporting or is a member of Sotto Voce (featuring Roy Nathanson, Curtis Fowlkes, Tim Kiah, and Sam Bardfeld), Burnt Sugar Arkestra, The Fonda/Stevens Group, and JC Hopkins Biggish Band. Between 1994 and 2001, he hosted The Social Factor, a hip-hop/urban issues radio program, on WAIF in Cincinnati. The show featured live and pre-recorded interviews with personalities such as Spike Lee, Channel Live, Jurassic 5, Rahzel, The Roots, Jay-Z, Big Jaz (Jaz-O), Group Home, Mos Def, Watts Prophets, The Last Poets, Burning Spear, and Souls of Mischief. The phone lines were open for on air call-ins regarding current events, community affairs, and political discourse.

The show also featured the music of such groups as Self Scientific, KAM, Steel Pulse, Natural Resources, Gang Starr, Ras Kass, Nina Simone, Lester Bowie, Boogie Down Productions, Nas, and Rahsaan Roland Kirk.

In 2008 he performed at the Vision Festival. In February 2009 he hosted a workshop at the Bridge Centre in Stoke on Trent, England, as part of Sing Up, the Music Manifesto National Singing Programme. It was attended by year 5 students from St Augustine Catholic Primary in Meir. He taught them how to beatbox and they developed their own raps. His 2009 schedule includes performances in France and Estonia. Maddox was named "Best Jet-Setter" in the 2009 Best of Cincinnati awards. In 2010, he created A Riot Called Nina, a Jazz / Soul / Hip Hop project with the french pianist Sophia Domanich, and the all vocal girls band The Boxettes, inspired by the rebel and resistant spirit of Nina Simone.

DISCOGRAPHY

EP « RIBBONS & RAZORS » – RELEASED IN MARCH 2014 –

<http://sorgandnapoleonmaddox.bandcamp.com/>



IN PRESS

- « This EP "Ribbons & Razors" is the perfect mix of total control machinery by the producer Sorg (which is not at his first attempt, his EP 16 Diamonds was already a great slaughter), and Napoleon Maddox, which has a beautiful voice, and controlled flow.» **The Chemistry Magazine**
- « The music ranges from boom jazz tinged soul and electronic beats. Sorg behind the machines play live instrumentals through its MPC and provides a furious performance that leaves no marble public. » **Night-groove.net**
- « Great lovers of hip-hop beats, lyrics of slamming universe of soul, funk and modern Sorg & Napoleon Maddox go great.» **Collectif Sourdoreille**

RADIO

- Listen to Sorg's ITW by Radio [here](#)

VIDEO

[Teaser](#)

Live extract [Security](#)

Live extract [Wild West](#) (feat. Is What?!)

[Report](#) by Besançon TV

SCENIC REFERENCES

Festival at Vaulx Jazz - le Périscope at Vaulx-en-Velin, Festival Rio Loco - Le Metronum in Toulouse, Festival Emergence - La Rodia in Besançon, Festival Urban Jam - La Soute in Chambéry, Run ar Puns in Châteaulin, La Centrifugeuse in Pau, La Péniche in Chalon-sur-Saône, La Péniche Cancale in Dijon, Border Live at Marseille...

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