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## **FALLOU DIENG SHARES THE STAGE WITH GNARLS BARKLEY AT HOLLYWOOD BOWL JULY 27**

On July 27, 2008, Fallou Dieng will perform at Hollywood Bowl with “global psychedelic soul phenoms” Gnarlz Barkley as part of KCRW’s 2008 World Music Festival. Fallou Dieng is a renowned Senegalese mbalax artist, hailed by many as the elder statesman of the “new generation” of Senegalese artists emerging from the groundbreaking trail of his mentor, Youssou N’Dour.

Fallou Dieng’s albums have garnered not only critical acclaim but also awards: his album *Feuk Dieuf* earned him the in D’Jembe d’or in 2007. Known as “le Roi de l’ambiance” for creating some of Dakar’s more outrageously provocative mbalax dances, Dieng is perhaps the best known and most popular of the “youngsters.” His is beautiful crafted music, where relentless, random polyrhythms of mbalax contrast perfectly with Fallou’s lyrical, versatile voice.

Fallou’s dynamic powers as a singer, composer, arranger and bandleader in classic, down-home-roots Senegalese musical styling known as *mbalax dur et pur* (hard and pure mbalax, the Senegaese pop genre based on sabar drumming) are at last reaching a wider audience with a full North American summer tour and a new album anthology *African Classics* - recently released on the Sheer Sound label. The album release is a comprehensive collection of Fallou’s commercial hits and critical successes in Senegal.

Fallou Dieng has a commanding stage presence. Tall and lean like many Wolof men, he seemed to be near seven feet tall and his arms stretched amazingly wide-as in 8 feet-in a graceful movement that seem to embrace his fans. If a Senegalese artist deserves recognition outside of Senegal, it is surely Fallou Dieng.

The Hollywood Bowl is located at 2301 North Highland Avenue in Hollywood, CA. Also performing at the show are Bay-area indie artists Deerhoof.

For information regarding Fallou Dieng, as well as for interview and guest list requests, please contact Becki Carr at 248-990-2325. A downloadable, high resolution photo is available at [yarrpr.com](http://yarrpr.com).

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