

# Mp3 Toks Ilorin Featuring The Great Fela Anikulapo Kuti Lagos 1980 - World: African

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Authentic african music 3 MP3 Songs WORLD: African, JAZZ: World Fusion Details: Toks African roots are very important to him and he spent many years playing up and down the west coast of Africa: Lagos, Cotonou, Lome, Accra, Abidjan, Monrovia, Freetown, Conacry, Bissau, Banjul, Dakar, Niamey... you name it! During these journeys he met Fela Anikulapo Kuti and came to live for several years in his self proclaimed independent republic in Lagos - the Kalakuta Republic. Here he recorded with Fela and the legendary Egypt 80 Band. - I first met Fela in 1979 in Lagos and came back a year later to see him. When I first went to his home, Kalakuta, he greeted me in his usual swimming trunks, Toks remembers. - We talked for a while and then he sent one of his drivers to help me pick up my stuff from a friends place and when we got back I settled in... The next day I played some of my stuff for Fela and he really liked what he heard. Eventually he said I could record some of my stuff with his group. We did that not so long after. Fela played really good sax on the stuff and even sang some harmony on it. The band was full of good cats - even Femi, Felas son, played with us. He was very young then, I think he was just a teenager, but he was smart from the beginning... Theres always a lot of talk about a famous man after his death and Fela Anikulapo Kuti is no exception. Toks is an ardent defender of his friends memory, though: - Fela was the hardest working musician playing six nights a week and Sunday afternoons... but all this nonsense some people talk about... that he didnt pay musicians and all... Its just not true by my experience. All the musicians I saw got payed right there on the spot. There was no "go and come back later", so I dont know their purpose. Were all so happy to have Felas music to listen to and to keep us going. There will never be another Fela, just as there will never be another Duke Ellington. Copyright TOKS MUSIC

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