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SORG & NAPOLEON MADDOX

LOUVERTURE (Album)

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« Une géniale réinvention Hip-hop du personnage » - **Marianne**
« A la croisée du Hip-hop, du Jazz et du Blues, le rappeur Maddox explore l'histoire du général Haïtien » - **Pan African Music**

« Dans cet opéra contemporain les quatre bretteurs ferraillent en anglais, en français et en créole, à coups de beatbox et de cuivres free, de hip-hop et de gospel habité » - **Télérama**

The relentless Franco-American duo is back with its 2nd full length album "**Louverture**", inspired by the fight of Haitian General **Toussaint Louverture**. Rapper **Napoleon Maddox** has been combining his sharp flow on the productions of beatmaker **Sorg** for almost 10 years. Their 1st track "Wild West" (2013) was recently pitched by **Netflix** in the French series "Braqueurs" (Ganglands). Their discography includes several EPs, a 1st album "Checkin Us" (2018), and numerous collaborations with renowned artists such as **Gaël Faye**, **Hamid Drake**, **Marc Cary**, **Dobet Gnahoré**, **Cheick Tidiane Seck**, etc. The activist and poet from Cincinnati (Ohio), Napoleon Maddox, leader of the group **ISWHAT?!** and member of the bands **BadFat** and **Papanosh** recently moved to France at **Besançon**, stronghold of producer **Sorg**, particularly noted for his remix of Rone "Wave".

This opus is about opening the doors of history, to explore and share the life of **Toussaint Louverture** around the worlds of jazz, electro and hip-hop.

The revered Black Haitian fought in the French military and then against France to end slavery. For his stance against the continuation of slavery he was imprisoned in **Château de Joux** by Bonaparte in 1802. He was able to survive in the dungeon just a few months then died there in 1803. He remains an icon for freedom fighters, scholars studying liberation movements around the world, especially those concerned with the African diaspora.

The American born artist, whose real name is Napoleon Maddox, created **Louverture de Toussaint** during his artist residency in **Besançon**, supported and co-produced by the venues **La Rodia** and **Le Moloco**.

He chose to draw inspiration from the story of the Haitian general to create a quartet alongside Sorg, Canadian-Haitian multi-instrumentalist **Jowee Omicil**, and Malian pianist **Cheick Tidiane Seck**, who was eventually replaced by Franco-Haitian jazzman **Carl-Henri Morisset**. The premiere of this show took place at the Château de Joux under the bricked-up window of the cell where **Louverture** died.

Sorg & Napoleon Maddox then decided to make an album, simply titled "**Louverture**", featuring the musicians **Jowee Omicil**, **Carl-Henri Morisset** or the rapper **Marc Nammour** of the french group **La Canaille**. The single and the eponymous clip "**Louverture**" filmed at the Château de Joux, a jazzy and soulful track, marks the beginning of the album. It's a journey through time, with atmospheric sounds, that echoes the story of this incredible freedom fighter.

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LABEL

Sans Sucre Records

DISTRIBUTOR

L'Autre Distribution / IDOL

PUBLISHING

Alter-K

TRACKLIST

1. Louverture
2. The Letter
3. Hard Terrain (feat. **Boogie Bang**)
4. Trayizon (feat. **Jowee Omicil**)
5. Tiré Machèt
6. Tic Toc
7. Bones (feat. **Marc Nammour**)
8. Sugarcane
9. Papa Di Wi (feat. **Jowee Omicil**)
10. Wha Dey Wan
11. UJFP
12. History's Page

TOUR

11.25 - **GENNEVILLIERS (FR)** | Le Tamanoir
11.26 - **NANTES (FR)** | Little Atlantique Brewery
01.26 - **BESANÇON (FR)** | La Rodia
01.26 - **BRIANÇON (FR)** | Altantique Jazz Festival
02.11 - **BREST (FR)** | Les Plages Magnétiques
02.18 - **DIJON (FR)** | La Péniche Cancale

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Live « The Letter » Château de Joux - [Click here](#)

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