

Michael Olatuja - SPEAK



TRACK LIST:

1. **Ma Foya [feat. Lynden David Hall]**
2. Altar Call [feat. Eska Mtungwazi]
3. Hold On [feat. Lynden David Hall & Andrew Roachford]
4. **Little Sister [feat. Terri Walker]**
5. Le Jardin [feat. Onaje Jefferson]
6. Yi Yipada [feat. Eska Mtungwazi]
7. Unconditional [feat. Alicia Olatuja]
8. **Speak [feat. TY]**
9. Walk With Me [feat. Alicia Olatuja]
10. Mama Ola [feat. Jason Rebello & Jean Toussaint]

Emphasis Tracks: 1, 4, 8

ARTIST: Michael Olatuja
TITLE: Speak
GENRE: World/Jazz/Soul
FORMAT: CD and DIGITAL
PACKAGING: Digipak
CAT NUMBER: BD 005
UPC: 823889800529
LABEL: Backdrop/ObliqSound
STREET DATES: July 28, 2009 (USA/Canada and worldwide digital), July 27 (UK), August 27 (France, G/A/S)

British/Nigerian bassist Michael Olatuja debuts his vision as producer, composer, arranger and performer on *Speak*. The album features musical influences and guests from each spot Olatuja has hit around the globe, including his childhood in London and Lagos, Nigeria, and professional years in London and New York.

Olatuja incorporates such hallmarks of traditional African music as the talking drum and hand drums (conga and djembe), call-and-response vocals and the Yoruba language, while working comfortably with musical vocabularies more familiar to Western ears: neo-soul balladry, modern jazz, deep groove, R&B, and gospel.

Olatuja has toured and recorded with stars such as Lisa Stansfield, Terence Blanchard, The Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir, Chaka Khan, Patti Austin, Stevie Wonder and The Lighthouse Family, among others.

Personnel:

Michael Olatuja > electric bass, acoustic bass, arrangements [all tracks]. Fender Rhodes [track 8].

Featured Guests > Lynden David Hall, Eska Mtungwazi, Andrew Roachford, Terri Walker, Onaje Jefferson, Alicia Olatuja, TY (lead vocals), Jason Rebello (piano, Fender Rhodes, Moog), Jean Toussaint (soprano sax) **

Produced, composed, arranged, and performed by Michael Olatuja **

Co-produced by Femi Temowo [tracks 1-4 & 8]
Executive Producer > Michele Locatelli

** Full composition, performance, arrangement and production credits on www.obliqsound.com/press

Key Points:

- Touring: Will be featured at Freedom Lovefest/ObliqSound stage at Make Music NY Festival on June 21
- Album release shows to be announced in key cities with additional touring throughout fall, as well as a UK tour in September
- Tastemaker and DJ servicing with Giant Step starting August 1, including singles with remixes
- August/September participation in art-house cinema in-theater play on 88 screens of Laemmle Theatres, City Cinemas, and Angelika Film Centers in New York, Southern California, Dallas, Houston, Sacramento
- Strong sync licensing push starting with pre-release license to a proprietary media player (W3i) in the USA, expected to start with 30,000 downloads
- Michael is endorsed by Fender and SWR Amps

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