

Burni Aman

Sweet Science

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BIOGRAPHY

Bernadette Amansure aka Burni Aman is a hip-hop, spoken word artist and wordsmith from Cape Town, South Africa performing since 1997.

Formerly a member of the all female South African Hip Hop crew, Godessa, she has worked with various well known local and international artists.

Burni Aman is also one of the performers, coordinators and Executive Producers of the intercontinental South African-Swiss project 'The Rogue State Alliance'.

In 2009 she was the only female nominated in the best lyricist award category for the South African 'Hype Awards'.





SPOKEN WORD

Burni Aman is also known as a prolific spoken word artist with her earliest works being published in a 1998 anthology, 'Millennium Moments' and has since appeared at various Literary and Poetry Festivals and Events inc. Spier, hosted by premiere Afrikaans poet Antjie Krog, participated in the Speak the Mind Poetry Festival, Poetry Africa in Durban featuring some of the continent's most well loved poets such as Nastio Mosquito and Rojerio Manjate (Mozambique), Bantu Mwara (Kenya) and Kole Adje Odutolo (Nigeria), and has also opened for Linton Kwesi Johnson at the Urban Voices Poetry Festival.

GODESSA 2000-2008

As a member of socio-political all female hip-hop crew Godessa, Burni Aman has shared the stage with some of the world's top hip-hop artists such as Talib Kweli, Dead Prez, Blackalicious, SaianSupaCrew, K'naan, Madcon, Boots Riley (The Coup), Spearhead and Julian Marley. Godessa has also worked with some of South Africa's finest artists including Arno Carstens, Dorothy Masuka, The Narrow, Tumi of the Volume, Teba Shumba, Ghetto Maffin, BVK and Moodphase 5ive.





Burni Aman has performed as a solo artist, with Godessa and the Rogue State Alliance at Festivals and Events in Europe, USA, The UK, Cuba and South Africa. Some of these include:

Planet Hiphop (USA), Gurten Festival, Openair Frauenfeld, Open Hearts, Afro-Pfingsten and Royal Arena (Switzerland), Pukkelpop, Couleur Café, Hovelive (Belgium), Macufe, Oppikoppi, North Sea Jazz Festival (Cape Town International Jazz Festival), Up the Creek, Rage for Revolution, Blackalicious Blazing Arrow Tour, Beyeler Fondation Museum, Cuban cultural exchange tour, Battle of the Year (Switzerland and SA), Buskers Bern, and the 'Under Madiba Skies' French Tour during 2013.

In 2015 Burni Aman had her Sweet Science album launch with band in Cape Town and also performed at the All Elements Jam presented by Prophets of Da City (POC), on the day of their first appearance together in more than 15 years.

Rogue State Alliance



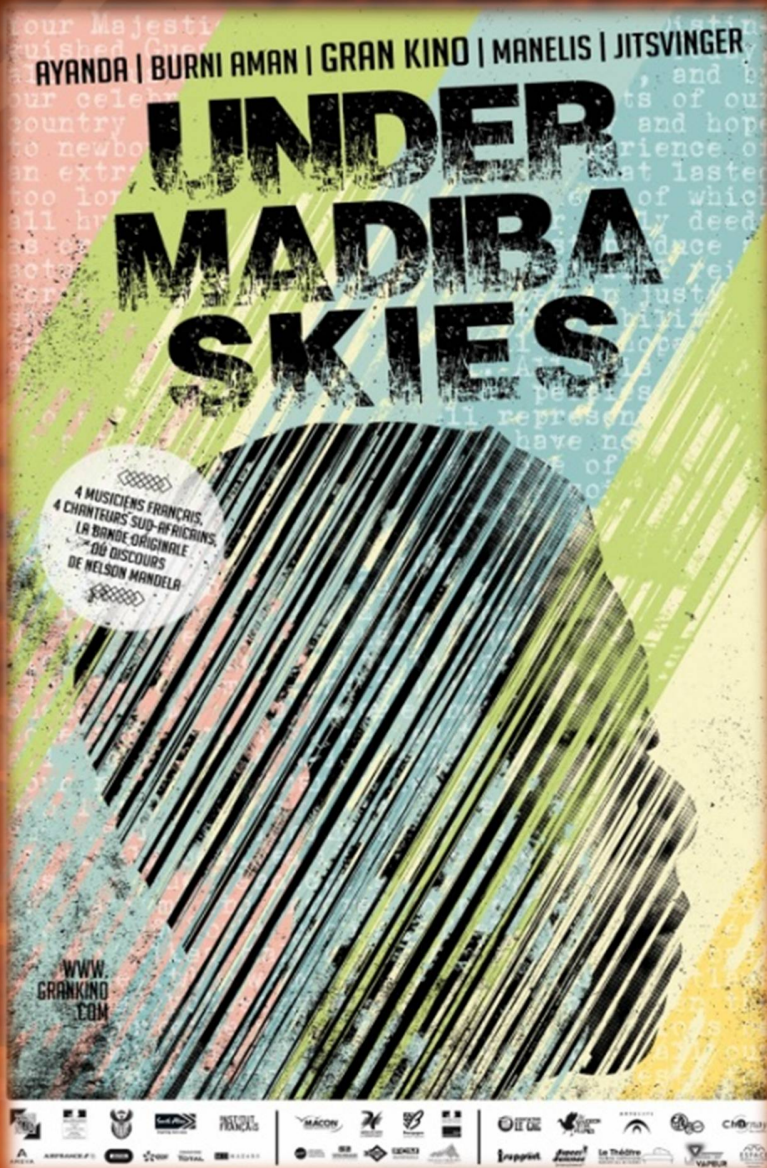
From 2004-2007 Burni Aman and 20 other hiphop artists, producers, vocalists and dj's participated in a South African and Swiss multi-cultural exchange project known as the 'Rogue State Alliance' releasing and touring the collaborative 'Rogue State of Mind' albums. All sales of the album has been donated to charity. RSA has been one of Pro Helvetia's most exciting projects to date.

During the various phases of the project Burni also worked as the Executive Producer and Tour Coordinator.



'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has'. - Margaret Mead

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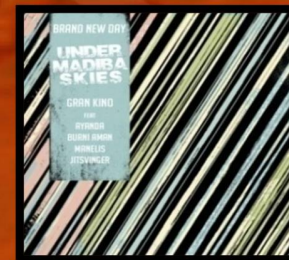


UNDER MADIBA SKIES

During November 2013, Burni Aman joined the the French band Gran Kino along with other South African artists to reclaim words used by Nelson Mandela in his inaugural speech.

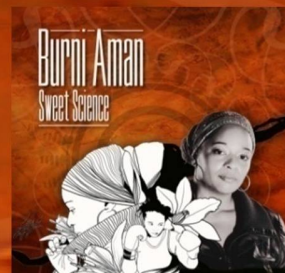
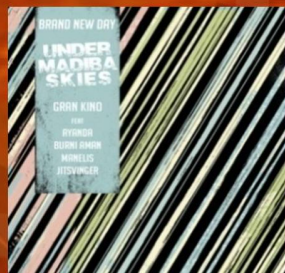
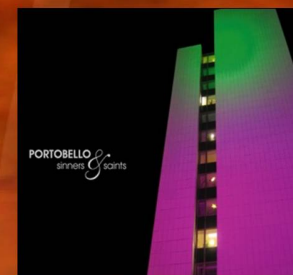
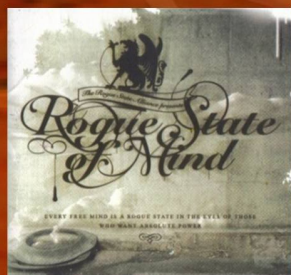
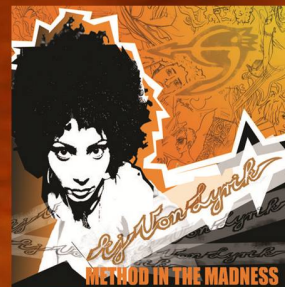
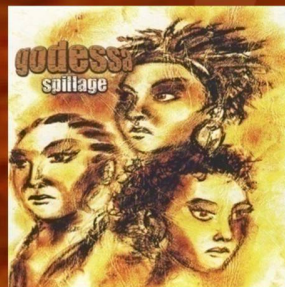
Whether from Durban, rapping in Zulu, from Johannesburg singing with a traditional sweetness or from Cape Town rapping in Afrikaans or in English, the vision is mutual: gathering French and South African musicians on one stage, with different languages, visions and ideas and, above all, an endless artistic richness.

Under Madiba Skies is working on an EP and recently released the first single titled "Brand New Day".



Discography

- Godessa (Introspective Soul EP) 2000
- Godessa (Social Ills) 2001
- Godessa (Spillage) 2004
- Cape of Good Dope
- Soweto 2006
- Rogue State of Mind 2006
- Rogue State of Mind Part II 2008
- Konvex (Three Weeks) 2008
- Portobello (Sinners & Saints) 2010
- The Faranas (Who Are You) 2011
- Greater Goodz (The Break In) 2012
- Gran Kino (Under Madiba Skies) 2013



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DEBUT ALBUM

Burni Aman's long-awaited debut solo album "Sweet Science" recorded in Switzerland will be available in 2015 in Europe and South Africa. The 20-track album features musicians, vocalists and producers from Switzerland, Africa and the USA.

'Sweet Science' effortlessly embraces the styles of hip hop, soul, rock, afro beat and funk with rap as the medium for communicating the universal ideas of understanding and serving humanity.

"Let us not forget that we are citizens of the earth, protectors of humanity, not individuals, not countries, we are our brothers' keepers".

- Alive, Burni Aman

"I love the Burni Aman album. Big respect to her for delivering powerful commentary. I appreciate the depth and awesome music elements."

- DJ Ready D, Goodhope fm

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