

YAYA YAOVI



It's from Africa that Yaya Yaovi AZ conveys a story of culture, of music from there he draws a message of fraternity. In 1971 he decided to hit the road and alone crossed the Sahara desert to Europe. He arrived in France where he studied law at *La Sorbonne*, Paris. He obtained his diploma from University while working in various companies. After his studies he was confronted with a question : How to bring a little justice and truth to this system. The profession of lawyer and the tools available to them are too limited.

Reggae is the obvious choice to cry against injustice. YY made his first band : **Yaya And Think.**

In 1980 a first LP was recorded : **RELEASE TIME** with the big tune *Rastaman Wants*. It was welcomed in France and in Africa as the New inspiration in Jamaican music. It was N°1 in the charts in Africa and the West Indies.

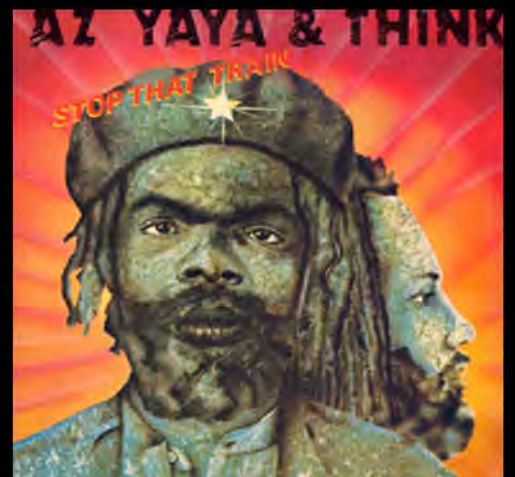
A touching album full of enthusiasm and frenzy.



« Pure, roots, rock & rebel, nouveau souffle du reggae »

Stop That Train

YY second album was recorded at Kingston Jamaica, in the new Bob Marley's studio **TUFF GONG** with Aston Barrett, Rita Marley and the *Light Of Love* as backing vocals.





TOUR in Europe and Africa.

Follow a memorable tour. Paris and Cotonou 'Hall of Arts' still remember it, they had never seen such a thing before !

Magazine Actuel :

« Reggae in the grand tradition. Yaya AZ, the Rastaman sings his struggle, hope and love between nations. It rolls well, it s very sober. On the percussion Harry T, Jimmy Cliff's percussio-nist. It's very **ROOTS** Africa is present everywhere with its warmth ».



SEED

It is a must in Reggae Music. This album create a bridge linking Africa to Jamaica. Recorded in TUFF GOND Studio, produced by the great Aston Barrett, mixed by Errol Brown (Bob and Ziggy Marley's sound engineer), all the best reggae musicians meet together to support YY music, original creation.



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New Band :

YY is one of the only to came back in Africa where he sets up his band, YY Force :
One singer / One guitar
Two drums / One bass
Roots Rock Reggae new band rising up from Africa.

YY works on the creation for his next album and fights for the building of YY Base, a base for music, art and culture in Benin.