

# Junior Tshaka

## IN BRIEF...



For 7 years now, Junior Tshaka has been enhancing his musicianship through an ever-increasing number of gigs with diverse formations, both in Switzerland and abroad (Akamassa, Junior Tshaka and Friends, Swiss Reggae Unity, and more...)

To his credit: two cds with Akamassa, one, as Junior Tshaka Trio (3 guitars), and unforgettable on-the-road jams with other artists such as Tiken Jah Fakoly, a featured guest in 2005 at *the Festi'neuch*, Neuchâtel's open air Festival.

His latest cd stems from a 2006 project that triggered the contract with Echo-Prod. (Sinsemilia singer Mike d'Inca's label):

Unique in style, somewhere between the French tradition of song and the sound of reggae, this second album (under own name) - "La jungle" - includes 13 tunes of gentle acoustic meanderings through human life, nature, the everyday ... to bouncy rhythms, a few ballads, some ragga with its hard-hitting lyrics ... Seesawing between modes of hope, tenderness, and soul searching, the topics explode with meaning, leaving no one insensitive. The album proffers the doubly rich experience of both artistic and personal encounters (Riké, Mike des Sinsemilia, Mr Lézard, Rico Rodriguez's trombone, and more...)

From January till May, 2007, Junior Tshaka alone with guitar, had the chance to go on tour, assuring the first set in Riké's concerts. The voice of "Tout le bonheur du monde" chose Junior Tshaka to accompany him throughout France. After the Maroquinerie of Paris, 4 months of popular success (and sheer musical bliss!) were his in all the big French cities, with - to boot - the joy of joining Riké on stage for "Réveillez-vous !".

In April, Junior Tshaka shot the clip of "La jungle" in Toulouse.

As of May 11, 2007, on tour in Switzerland with his band, Junior Tshaka was featured in the summer *Festivals of Estavayer and the Chant-du-Gros*. Moreover, he was Swiss guest of honor in the 2007 biggest worldwide buskers festival (August) - *the Ferrara Buskers* (IT)!

In January and February, 2008, Junior Tshaka performed and recorded in Dakar. He had the chance to share his repertory on stage with African musicians, and to sound record a new project "Le Monde est un grand village" (with Didier Awadi, Baay Sooley and Dread Maxim, among others, who will appear on this next album), to be released early 2009.

In March next year, Junior Tshaka will release his second clip "La lune".

After the May 8 2008 tribute to Claude Nougaro on the Corbak stage, and a featured gig at *the Festival de la Cité* in Lausanne last June, Junior Tshaka is getting ready for other big summer festivals : *Montreux Jazz Festival* (Music in the Park), *Paléo Festival*, and *Festival Terre des Hommes* at Massongex !

You will find Junior Tshaka's complete updated press book on: [www.mistral.ch/juniortshaka.pdf](http://www.mistral.ch/juniortshaka.pdf) (only in french)

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### Junior Tshaka Highlights:

- July 5, 2008 - featured guest at Miles Davis Hall, Reggae Evening
- July 17(Thursday), 2008 - live at Montreux Jazz Festival, "Music in the Park"
- July 24 (Thursday), 4 p.m - Paléo, acoustic "Showcase", Professionals & Press.
- July 24 (evening, 10:45 p.m), Paléo, Scène du Détour.
- September studio recording date for new album, planned release, early 2009.

### Useful links:

Junior Tshaka's official site: [www.junior-tshaka.com](http://www.junior-tshaka.com)

(Album "La Jungle", samples, images and available photos in "medias-pro" by using the "clé magique": *mistral*)

Official Myspace of the artist: [www.myspace.com/juniortshaka](http://www.myspace.com/juniortshaka)

To view Junior Tshaka in video: [www.youtube.com/tshakavibes](http://www.youtube.com/tshakavibes) & [www.dailymotion.com/dada\\_wa](http://www.dailymotion.com/dada_wa)

The Mistral staff is here for you, at your entire disposal, and thanks you for the interest shown in Junior Tshaka and his current events.



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