



AYOM

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Ayom are musical seafarers who traverse the Black Atlantic from Brazil to Angola and Cape Verde with a distinctly Mediterranean identity.

“Their sound is a mix of Brazilian, Tropical, Afrolatin and Afrolusitan sounds played with Irresistible swing, like tropical sun penetrating grey clouds”.

Their name, Ayom, refers to the “Lord of Music” that in Afro brazilian mythology (Candomblè) exists in the tambor and taught humans to play music and sing.

Blending century old traditions with the black and rhythmical language of lusophone cultures, Ayom provide a hot-stepping and spiritual voyage across the African diaspora.

Thus, musicality flourishes nomadic, profound, provocative and dancing, where tradition and contamination, male and female, poetry and energy, joy and engagement coexist.

Ayom is a multicultural band, made up of 6 members from Angola, Brazil, Greece and Italy with Brazilian singer and percussionist Jabu Morales centre stage.

## MUSICIANS

Jabu Morales: voice and percussion // Alberto Becucci: acordeon // Timoteo Grignani: percussion // Walter Martins: percussion // Ricardo Quinteria: guitar// Francesco Valente: bass

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## AWARDS & REVIEWS



RANKING #29 BEST ALBUMS  
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FEBRUARY 2021

### SONGLINES

An Intoxicating dose of entrancing ritual magic come courtesy of this crew who playfully navigate myriad Afrolusophone tropes on this, their delightful debut...The exotic mixture all adds up, building on the bedrock of Brazilian musical vibrancy and the view is truly charming.

Songlines

Ayom's debut is a delight. Isn't just music, it's ritual magic. Irresistible swing like tropical sun penetrating grey clouds. The album is an enchanting journey of joy tinged with sweet sorrow. Songlines, Alex Robinson

### Afropop Worldwide

It's a surprise a minute on this album. If this band sounds this good live, they're going to positively slay in the post-pandemic touring circuit. Their trade winds sound is either the melding of influences or the uncovering of shared ancestors, but there's more than enough visceral charm here to set aside "name the influence" and just enjoy a big, buoyant melody skipping between languages and over the rhythm.

Afropop Worldwide

### RR

The polyrhythmic delights exemplify Ayom's appeal on an intense debut whose qualities are further revealed with repeated exposure. Rock 'n' Reel Magazine, Simon Rowland

### SYDSVENSKAN

Great music with power, maximum swing and good vibration...Sweet melancholy is interspersed with pure pulsating joy. Sydsvenskan, Alexander Agreeel

### サナコレ

Awesome songs and crisp performances. A band we will hear about. Mochizukisana

### MixedWorldMusic

Exceptionally lively, beautiful and contagious music. A very captivating Afro-Brazilian fusion and perfect for dancing. Mixed World Music

### RollingStone

Among the hottest releases of Brazilian music. RollingStone Hotlist

### WIRE

Brazilian vocalist Jabu Morales sings cloudless salutations to the Orixas and the band are spirited. The Wire

### MOJO

It's never the wrong time for a genre bending slice of Brazilian - Angolan - Cape Verdean swing with accordion...You 'll feel the sun on your face. Mojo



The band Ayom sounds like they've been cultivating their Brazil-Cape Verde-Mediterranean mix for years. The variety of rhythms used is overwhelming...Not easy to get right! But they make it work remarkably well, contagiously cheerful, light-footed, and airy. A compact rhythm group, a multifaceted accordion, a radiant lead voice, a balanced production: the feel-good album of the season is ready. The Association of German Record Critics

### Internazionale

A mix of Brazilian, tropical, afrolatin and afrolusitan sounds and rhythms, between Cape Verde and Angola, Cesaria Evora and tropicalistas. Internazionale



The Album Ayom shows a connection between Africa and Brazil with a Mediterranean touch with a beautiful and refreshing fusion, with great groove and a voice that convinces! Woxx

### SOUNDS and COLOURS

Ayom music is charming...It's both compelling and easy to assimilate. Sounds & Colours

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