

Gina d'Affiniam - Her biography

Régina Maria Sambou - better known as " Gina d'Affiniam" - was born in Ziguinchor, in the Casamance. The traditional melodies of Jóola accompanied her from childhood on in her village Affiniam. Every day she heard the singing of her mother Françoise Badji, a remarkable artist as a composer and singer. Gina often asks her mother for advice when she composes songs. Her father, the former chief adjutant Corentin Sambou, conducted the "Orchestre National de l'armée sénégalaise", Casamance section.

Now, after the birth of her son, Gina d'Affiniam herself sings lullabies into his child's ear. As a modern mother, she combines in her everyday life the roles of mother in the household and artist on stage. So she continues the recordings in the Wodé Studio (Ziguinchor). Her first album with fourteen tracks is entitled " Saiful ", " Greetings" on Jóola. The song " Ejanjangñ " highlights her ambitions as the herald of modern women : " Today, March 8th, the day of joy for us women, we are represented in all professions... Ji sen oli respect: Show us respect." With this song, Gina d'Affiniam has appeared several times on radio and television.

Gina d'Affiniam is assisted by her manager Jean Gabin Coly, who introduced her to the world of showbiz. In 2015, for example, she performed brilliantly at the "Festival international des Cultures urbaines et traditionnelles (Zig'Fest)" and delighted the audience. During this festival she was encouraged by her fellow artists: the famous Salif Keita, the subtle Baba Maal, the exceptional Diallyba Kouyaté, the star from Guinée Bissau, Justino Delgado, the ravishing Eneida Martha and the phenomenal rapper group Daara j Family. HGT

