



# BIO MANADI LOPA

## SHORT (50 words)

Ghanaian singer-songwriter, Manadi Lopa's music is soulful and speaks from the heart. African roots-reggae and folk with touches of ska to bring audiences lyrically driven songs underpinned by a deep humanity. Thought provoking and socially motivated, accompanied by Western and traditional instruments, this humble and soulful artist's music resonates universally.

## MEDIUM (100 words)

Manadi, which means "sit & share together" in his Sisaala dialect, is from Tumu, an African village in the Upper West Region of Ghana. Manadi is as eclectic as his cultural upbringing, oozing influences by the likes of Salif Keita, Bob Marley, Alpha Blondy & Baaba Maal. Praised for his political & socially motivated songs, Manadi crafts fusions of West African folk, roots reggae & Afro pop with silky-smooth harmonies, punchy horn lines & groovy African beats to convey his messages. Bolstered by high-energy Rasta dance moves, Manadi's quirky phrases pair delightfully with the invigorating nature of his live performance.

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His vocal variability along with his passion for "zaman lafiya" (peace) has become Manadi's trademark. Incorporating his seven languages he tells stories of agriculture, wisdom & life in the ghetto, whether it's love like 'sugar-sweet coffee', or a chant to 'Stop the War' or having a 'Chatty Chatty Mouth' Manadi sings of his own enlightenment through songs that resonate universally.

Accompanied by Western and traditional African instruments, including the 2-string *molo*, 'THE LION HEARTS' is an ensemble full of joy, rhythm & harmony. These multi-skilled instrumentalists blend silky-smooth harmonies with punchy horn lines to create an eclectic performance.

Manadi effortlessly transports audiences to their happy place with attitude filled & infectiously happy tunes. Bolstered by catchy choruses that stick with you for days, his high-energy Rasta dance moves are liberating, and his messages have an ability to transform the mind from negative to positive. His quirky lyrical phrases pair delightfully with the invigorating nature of his engaging live performance. This humble and soulful artist has a unique ability to touch audiences from all backgrounds and cultures.