



KOKU GONZA

SINGER | SONGWRITER | GUITARIST

KOKU GONZA, A TANZANIAN-AMERICAN AFRO-SOUL ARTIST, BLENDS AFROBEAT, R&B, AND NEO-SOUL INTO A UNIQUE SOUND. KNOWN FOR HER SULTRY STYLE, SHE HAS BEEN COMPARED TO SADE AND CORINNE BAILEY RAE AND HAS PERFORMED ORIGINAL MUSIC AT NOTABLE EVENTS LIKE THE UMBRIA JAZZ FESTIVAL AND THE WOMEN DELIVER CONFERENCE. HER SONGS "ZANZIBAR" AND "UTAMU," FEATURE SWAHILI, SOUL AND GHANAIAN HIGHLIFE MUSIC. KOUK GONZA LOVES TO HIGHLIGHT HER CONNECTION TO HER AFRICAN ROOTS THROUGH MUSICAL EXPLORATION.

KOKU GONZA MUSIC

**"KOKU GONZA
MAKES THE BEAUTY
OF THE DIASPORA
AUDIBLE."
— CHICAGO READER**

PERFORMANCES

CANEX | CAIRO EGYPT (2023)

- Music Artist

**WOMEN DELIVER CONFERENCE | KIGALI RWANDA
(2023)**

- Music Artist/Pianist

UMBRIA JAZZ FESTIVAL | PERGIA ITALY (2019)

- Music Artist

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MUSIC ARTIST

Koku Gonza is a Tanzanian-American Afro-soul artist renowned for her blend of Afrobeat, R&B, and neo-soul. With a vibrant connection between Dar Es Salaam and Brooklyn, her music, often compared to neo-soul icons like Sade and Miriam Makeba, embodies the beauty of the African diaspora. As a D'Angelico-endorsed guitarist, singer, and songwriter, Koku's sultry sound has captured global audiences.

She has graced stages at notable events, including the Umbria Jazz Festival in 2019 with Lauryn Hill and Richard Bona. In 2023, her video for "**Zanzibar**" was featured at the Women Deliver Conference in **Kigali Rwanda**, and she performed at the IATF Creative African Nexus in **Cairo, Egypt**.

December 2024, Koku Gonza released "**Motto**," another single from her forthcoming project, **Young Maandazi**. This album, is a collaboration with acclaimed Accra-based bassist and producer **Nee Mantse**. The project fuses Ghanaian highlife with Swahili and English lyrics, celebrating Tanzanian and Ghanaian cultures. Mantse's past collaborations include work with **Ghanaian** and contemporary stars like Kwabena Kwabena, Sarkodie, and contributions to tracks such as "5star" by Adekunle Gold featuring Rick Ross.

Koku Gonza's music, deeply rooted in her **Tanzanian** heritage, combined with Mantse's intricate production, creates a rich and culturally immersive experience. Her artist name, derived from the Haya tribe and meaning "the one who loves," reflects the passion she pours into her craft.

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