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**Imarhan Announces New Album, *Aboogi*,
Featuring Gruff Rhys, Tinariwen’s Abdallah Ag Alhousseyni, & more;
Out January 28, 2022 on City Slang**

Watch the Video for Lead Single [“Achinkad”](#)



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Tuareg quintet **Imarhan** announce their third studio album, ***Aboogi***, out **January 28th, 2022 on City Slang**, and today presents the lead single/video “**Achinkad**.” The diversity, beauty, and struggles of life in Imarhan’s home city of Tamanrasset in Southern Algeria are reflected in the songs on *Aboogi*, the first album the band recorded on their native soil in a studio they built themselves. It features Sudanese singer **Sulafa Elyas** and **Super Furry Animals’ Gruff Rhys**, plus **Tinariwen’s Abdallah Ag Alhousseyni** and the poet **Mohamed Ag Itlale** (also known as **Japonais**) from the Tamanrasset artistic community. Following the exhilarating ***Temet*** (2018, City Slang), this new album is as serene and open as the desert it emerged from.

Imarhan's **Aboogi Studio**, named for the structures their nomadic forebears built when establishing settlements, is the first professional recording studio in their city, meant to serve the Saharan region's community of musicians, many who've never had access to high-end recording gear before. It seemed only natural to also call the resulting collection of songs *Aboogi*, a nod to the new collective space they had established, as well as the resilience of their culture and people. "*Aboogi reflects the colors of Tamanrasset, what we experience in everyday life,*" says bandleader **Iyad Moussa Ben Abderahmane**, aka **Sadam**. "*We give space to the wind and the natural energies, to the sun and the sand. We want to express their colors through music.*" There is incredible warmth embedded in these steady, lilting rhythms and patiently strummed acoustic guitars, derived not just from the natural environment but from the community that surrounds them.

Imarhan's musical world has always been expansive, based in the traditional sounds of the Tuareg people but fiercely individualistic and embracing of the many styles they encounter. On *Aboogi* they emerge as a truly global group, united with their collaborators in a spirit of resistance and social change. This connection is sensed in today's "Achinkad" video, which shows the band playing music around a fire and dancers shuffling throughout a desert.

Of the song, Sadam says, "*It's a tribute to our people and to our land. The Tuaregs have been present since ancient times and they are still here, present to their land, faithful to their people, grateful to their ancestors, to their culture, and fully, heavily attached to their nature. They travel through the times and they are always here with this land part of their identity.*"

[Watch Imarhan's Video for "Achinkad"](#)

The songs on *Aboogi* are of-today, bridging the past, often referencing ancestral texts, and the future. They address many current issues affecting Imarhan's community, from oppressive laws to great economic disparities. "*You must be in solidarity with your people at all costs, until the end,*" says Sadam. The featherweight, festive music on *Aboogi* belies its fierce sense of conviction and justice. These complexities are what make Imarhan's music so prescient - beauty and tranquility intermingle with strife and heartache, creating a dynamic view of life for those subjugated by over a century of colonialism and lopsided revolutions but blessed with true community, art, and culture.

Imarhan's confirmed tour dates in Europe are listed below. Tour dates are forthcoming for the United States.

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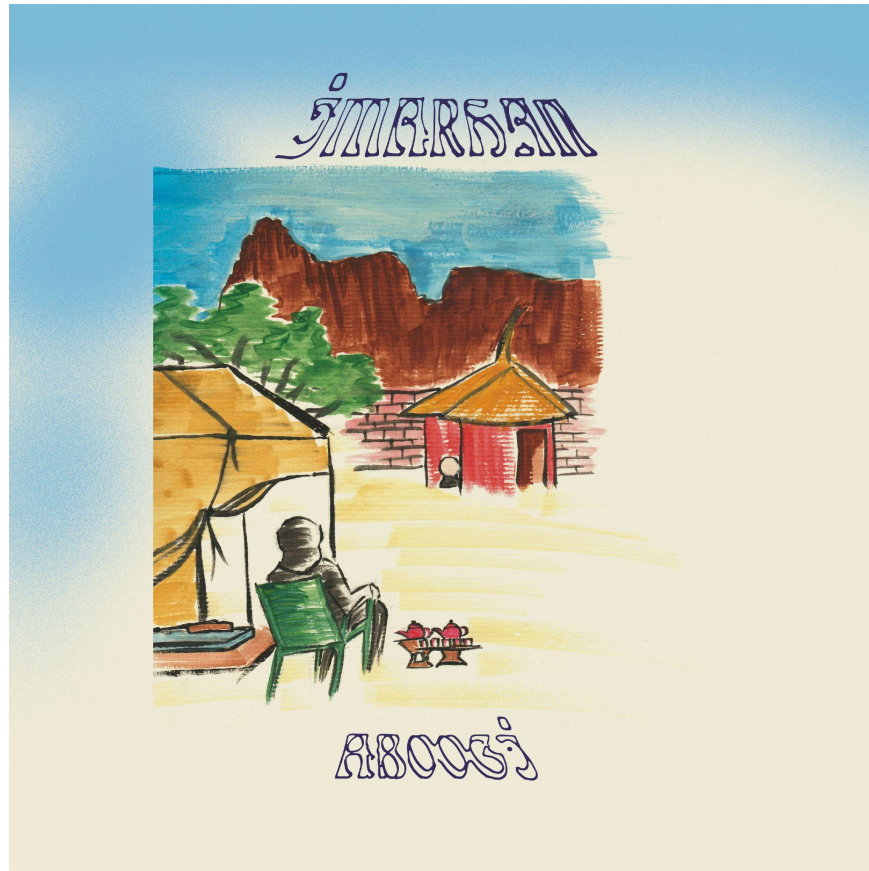
Aboogi Tracklist

1. Achinkad
2. Derhan
3. Temet
4. Tindjatan
5. Asof
6. Assossam
7. Taghadart
8. Laouni
9. Imaslan N'Assouf
10. Tamiditin
11. Adar Newlan

Imarhan Tour Dates

Wed. Mar. 9, 2022 - Rennes, FR @ Théâtre L'Aire Libre
Thu. Mar. 10, 2022 - Tourcoing, FR @ Grand Mix
Sat. Mar. 12, 2022 - Brighton, UK @ Green Door Store
Sun. Mar. 13, 2022 - Leeds, UK @ Brudenell Social Club
Mon. Mar. 14, 2022 - Manchester, UK @ YES (Pink Room)
Tue. Mar. 15, 2022 - Bristol, UK @ Exchange
Thu. Mar. 17, 2022 - London, UK @ The Dome
Fri. Mar. 18, 2022 - Gent, BE @ De Centrale
Sat. Mar. 19, 2022 - Haarlem, NL @ Patronaat
Sun. Mar. 20, 2022 - Brussels, BE @ AB-club
Mon. Mar. 21, 2022 - Den Haag, NL @ Paard
Wed. Mar. 23, 2022 - Copenhagen, DK @ Alice
Thu. Mar. 24, 2022 - Berlin, DE @ Badehaus
Fri. Mar. 25, 2022 - Erfurt, DE @ Franz Mehlhose
Sun. Mar. 27, 2022 - Genève, CH @ PTR L'Usine
Tue. Mar. 29, 2022 - Lyon, FR @ Ninkasi
Wed. Mar. 30, 2022 - Paris, FR @ La Gaité Lyrique
Thu. Mar. 31, 2022 - Rouen, FR @ Le 106 Club
Fri. Apr. 1, 2022 - Orléans, FR @ Astrolobe
Sat. Apr. 2, 2022 - Toulouse, FR @ Le Connexion
Mon. Apr. 4, 2022 - Valencia, ES @ 16 Toneladas
Tue. Apr. 5, 2022 - Madrid, ES @ Clamores
Thu. Apr. 7, 2022 - Braga, PT @ Teatro Circo
Fri. Apr. 8, 2022 - Lisbon, PT @ Music Box
Sat. Apr. 9, 2022 - Sevilla, ES @ Sala X
Sun. Apr. 10, 2022 - Alicante, ES @ Alacant
Mon. Apr. 11, 2022 - Barcelona, ES @ La Nau

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