

# Angélique Kidjo Enters A New Era With Sunlight To My Soul



Credit: Erwan Blaszka

Angélique Kidjo is back with the Diane Warren-penned “Sunlight To My Soul.” Afrobeats producer Shizzi is also part of the collaboration, with his supply of traditional African rhythms and supporting vocals from the Soweto Gospel Choir. The video celebrates life with dancing, hugs, and plenty of smiles from

Kidjo and her dancers. The international singing icon released her 15th studio album, *Mother Nature*, in 2021. She collaborated with young African artists on *MH*, including Burna Boy, Mr. Eazi, and Yemi Alade. In 2023, she celebrated a four-decade career by kicking off a 40th-anniversary concert tour. Earlier this year, she debuted her new African Symphony project with arranger Derrick Hodge at the Kennedy Center. "Sunlight In My Soul" begins a new era for Kidjo, who hails from Benin. Kidjo is starting her next international tour on July 14th, which is also her birthday. Except for one show with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Meshell Ndegeocello will accompany her on select dates.

### **Tour Dates**

\* with the Philadelphia Orchestra

^ with Meshell Ndegeocello

7/14 – Carhaix-Plouguer, France @ Les Vieilles Charrues 2024

7/20 – Stuttgart, Germany @ jazzopen 2024 with Lizz Wright

7/24 – Val de Bagnes, Switzerland @ Salle des Combins

7/25 – Marciac, France @ Jazz in Marciac

7/30 – Trondheim, Norway @ Borggården i Trondheim

8/2 – Saratoga Springs, NY @ Saratoga Performing Arts Center \*

8/7 – Denver, CO @ Denver Botanic Gardens ^

8/8 – Highland Park, IL @ Ravinia Festival ^

8/10 – San Jose, CA @ San Jose Jazz Summer Fest

8/11 – Telluride, CO @ Telluride Jazz Festival

8/25 – Vienna, Austria @ Afrika Tage

8/29 – Helsinki, Finland @ Helsinki Festival

9/4 – Duisburg, Germany @ Landschaftspark Nord – Gießhalle

9/15 – Brétigny-sur-Orge, France @ Le Fete de l'Humanite

9/20 – 9/22 – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil @ Rock In Rio

10/6 – Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg District @ Rockhal

10/12 – Voiron, France @ Le Grand Angle

10/13 – Marseille, France @ Fiesta des Suds / Esplanade du J4

10/20 – Katowice, Poland @ NOSPR

10/22 – Troyes, France @ Les Nuits de Champagne

10/24 – The Hague, Netherlands @ Paard Van Troje (PAARD)

11/2 – New York, NY @ Carnegie Hall

11/13 – Portland, ME @ State Theatre

3/19/2025 – Montreal, QC, Canada @ Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal

3/20/2025 – Montreal, QC, Canada @ Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal

---

**Watch: The Shindellas - Think  
Of Me Too Feat. Q Parker**

# Official Video

The Shindellas enlist Q Parker of 112 for their single “Think Of Me Too.” The addition of Parker, who is not on the album version, morphs the song into a classic duet beaming with the aura of summertime love. “Think Of Me Too” is from The Shindellas’ 2023 sophomore album, [Shindo](#). The trio of Kasi, Stacey, and Tam are making way for the 21st-century girl group with their sparkling vocals and classic stage presence. They reek of Motown and ’90s R&B but “Think Of Me Too” is destined to join the ranks of those few songs that are timeless.

---

## Celebrating the Legacy of Civil Rights Leader Rev. Fred D. Taylor



Civil Rights Leader Rev. Fred Taylor was known for using his megaphone to fire up the crowds as he led marches from the Civil Rights Movement to the Black Lives Matter movement.

ATLANTA – The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) National, Georgia Coalition for the People’s Agenda, AD King Foundation, Rosa Parks Consortium, and other organizations in the civil rights community will convene for a two-day celebration of the life of Rev. Frederick Douglass Taylor, a revered leader in the civil rights movement and former lieutenant to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks. Rev. Timothy McDonald III and Rev. Dr. T. DeWitt Smith, Jr. will preside, with remarks from Ambassador Andrew Young. The public is encouraged to attend.

**THURSDAY, July 11, 2024**

Lying in Repose:

Time: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: Ebenezer Horizon Sanctuary, 101 Jackson St, Atlanta, GA 30312

March Assembly:

Time: 5:00 PM

Starting Location: SCLC Headquarters, 320 Auburn Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

Route: The celebration will commence with a march from SCLC National Headquarters to Ebenezer Horizon Church. Participants will assemble at 5:00 PM at SCLC, proceed to The King Center, pausing in front of Martin and Coretta Scott King's grave site, and then continue to Ebenezer Horizon Sanctuary.

Memorial Service:

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Ebenezer Horizon Sanctuary, 101 Jackson St, Atlanta, GA 30312

Presiding: Rev. Timothy McDonald III, Senior Pastor of First Iconium Baptist Church and former SCLC staffer

Remarks by: Ambassador Andrew Young

**FRIDAY, July 12, 2024**

Public Viewing:

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: West Hunter Street Baptist Church, 1040 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd SW, Atlanta, GA 30310

Celebration of Life Service:

Time: 12:00 PM

Location: West Hunter Street Baptist Church, 1040 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd SW, Atlanta, GA 30310

Presiding: Rev. Dr. T. DeWitt Smith, Jr.

## About Rev. Fred D. Taylor:

Rev. Fred D. Taylor was born on October 23, 1942, in Autauga County, Alabama, and spent his early years on a plantation. At age thirteen, he met Dr. Ralph David Abernathy and became actively involved in the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Rev. Taylor graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1961, earned his undergraduate degree at Alabama State College, and received his Master of Divinity from the Morehouse School of Religion at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

In 1969, he joined the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and served in various roles over four decades, working closely with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Coretta Scott King, Dr. Joseph Lowery, and Rev. James Orange, among others. Even after retiring from the SCLC in 2007, Rev. Taylor remained a vocal advocate during the Black Lives Matter Movement, helped get out the vote (GOTV) in Georgia, and volunteered with Georgia Stand Up and Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda. Rev. Taylor died June 21, 2024 at the age of 81-years-old.

Note: In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of Rev. Taylor to:

A.D. King Memorial Fund

Memo: Rev. Fred Taylor Memorial Fund

2505 Creel Road, Suite A, Atlanta, GA 30349

---



# **We Are Scorpio (Jessica Care More & Steffanie Christi'an) Release Video for Scorpio Feat. Militia Vox**

We Are Scorpio, which consists of Detroit Poet Laureate jessica CARE moore and singer Steffanie Christi'an has released the video for "Scorpio," featuring fellow Black woman rocker Militia Vox. The single is from their forthcoming album, *We Are Scorpio*. The women stormed the streets of southwest Detroit while singing about the resilience of their astrological sign. They smile and snarl at the camera as they stake out space on the street, and history. The album was born of their desire to reclaim rock and roll's Black roots. Moore's album with Christi'an is the next step in her mission as the founder of Black WOMEN Rock! which celebrates 20 years next month. Talib Kweli co-produced the We Are Scorpio album and is featured on "Supa Dupa Star." The duo's self-titled album drops on August 16th.