

Red Bull Music Academy & Awesome Tapes From Africa Present Ata Kat: Time Bomb Documentary

[youtube id="pn0_s9gJ6CI"] Red Bull Music Academy and Los Angeles label Awesome Tapes From Africa are releasing the documentary *Ata Kat: Time Bomb*. Ata Kat is a musician from Ghana who made a tape of eclectic pop music in 1993 called *Obaa Sima* and then disappeared. Brian Shimkovitz, the founder of Awesome Tapes, searched for Ata Kat during an eight-year period that took him to Germany, Toronto and then Ghana. Shimkovitz had been playing *Obaa Sima* at parties and would always receive an overwhelming response from the crowd. Ata Kat had recorded the tape in his bedroom with second-hand equipment and never released any more music because it was not a financial success and he needed to make money. *Ata Kat: Time Bomb* tells the story of how *Obaa Sima* was created and looks into the life of its creator. Shimkovitz told [Noisey](#),

"I just feel like people don't get a sense of what life can be like in developing countries. People make a lot of assumptions, and also people who listen to African music aren't too in touch with Africans in Africa! The main touchstone for me and everything that I do, is thinking about my friends in these places. That guides the decisions I make and how I run [Awesome Tapes from Africa]."

Next week the [Red Bull Music Academy Festival Los Angeles](#) will begin on October 6th and end on October 29th.

