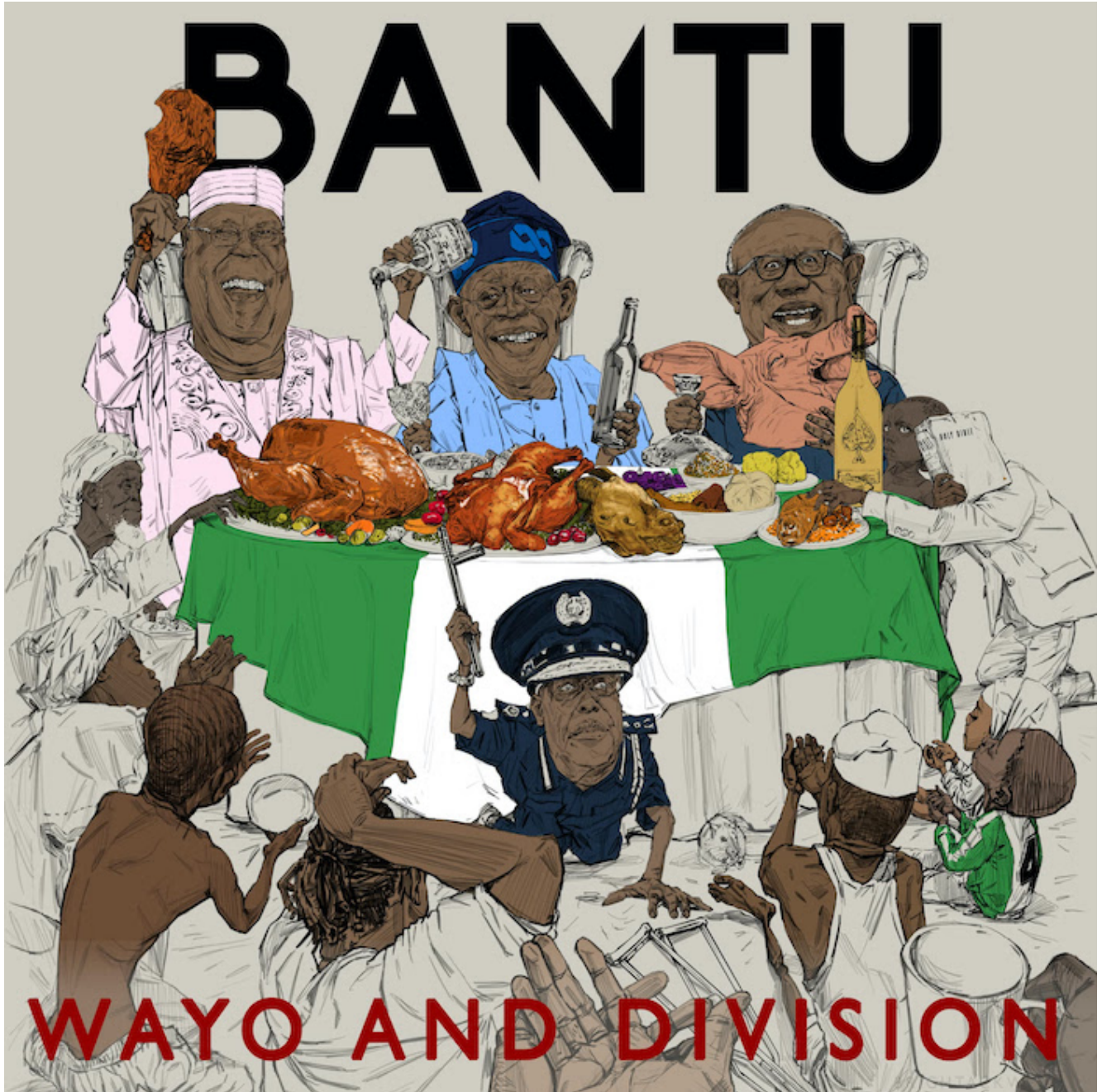


BANTU Has More To Say With Wayo And Division



BANTU's "Wayo and Division" is their latest response to Nigerian politics. The West African country just held elections in February that are currently being contested in court by candidates Atiku Abubakar and Peter Obi who came in second and third place. Famed Nigerian novelist Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie wrote a letter to President Joe Biden urging him not to support the results. BANTU warns in their lyrics :

“All na smoke screen to cause hate and confusion
When dem share big money
And big big contract
Nothing like tribe, nothing like religion
Don’t let them scam you
With their wayo and division”

The band used Ghanaian satirical artist Bright Tetteh Ackwerth to create artwork for the single depicting struggle between the poor and the elites. BANTU’s album is coming out in June.

BANTU’s Disrupt The Programme Gets Remixed



BANTU’s “Disrupt The Programme” gets a house remix from Dirk Leyers who is one-half of the German production duo Africaine 808. The new version of the song moves away from the festive Afrobeat sound into a whirl of echoes and bass with percussion at the center. BANTU (Brotherhood Alliance Navigating Towards Unity) released their album *Everybody Got Agenda* in 2020 and Leyers’ treatment of “Disrupt The Programme” is one of the latest songs to be remixed. The Nigerian band is known in their home country for their unapologetic protest music that has revived the live music scene via the Afropolitan Vibes monthly concert series and music festival.Â

Watch: Lagos-Based BANTU Share Video For Animal Carnival

[youtube id="dgz49V9M7bA"]BANTU (Brotherhood Alliance Navigating Towards Unity) is an Afrobeat group from Lagos, Nigeria. They debuted their first single "Disrupt The Programme" in April and "Animal Carnival" is the band's satirical sophomore single. The video for their second song makes fun of a corrupt ruling class. Kaleidoscopic images of animals morphing into rats and birds are meant to signify the deception promoted by their Nigerian political leaders. The release of BANTU's video for "Animal Carnival" is in alignment with the current unrest being felt around the world regarding the George Floyd killing. The 13-piece collective is sharing their political disillusionment with many people in the world right now who are confronting power structures with serious questions about equality. The two singles will be on the band's debut album, *Everybody Get Agenda*, due to arrive in September.Â

