MoodReport: 11 french music scene





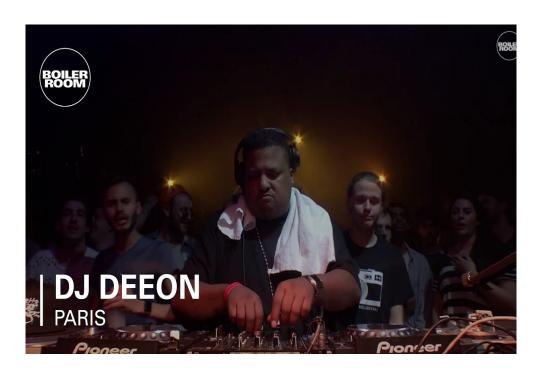
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What makes the current *french music scene* great? Is it exportable?

Who are the top vs. niche artists and musicians involved?

Artists mix Related content / programs

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MUSIQUE FRANÇAISE ACTUELLE

Bal musette

Jazz manouche

Punk français

Rock français

Rap français

RnB français

Ragga/Dancehall français

Reggeaton français

Zouglou francophone

Coupé-décalé francophone

Logoby francophone

Zouk français

Disco français

French touch (house/techno/electro... française)

Tecktonik

Electro français

Folk français

Jazz français

Pop Rock français

Reggae français

Country français

Blues français

Rock garage français

World française

Ska français

Raï Français

Gypsy pop

Tango français

Opérette français

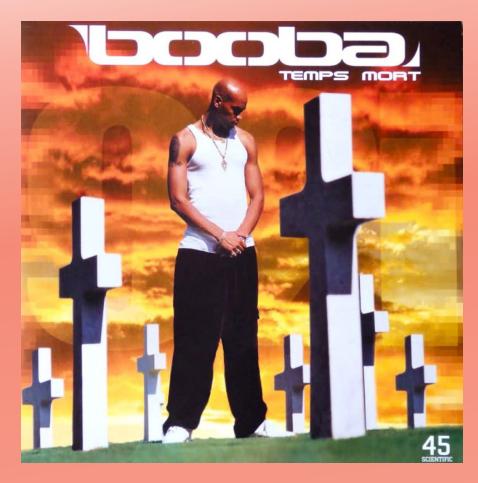


CLASSICS/ PRE



A longtime hip-hop fan, at age 21 Diarra began his collaboration with the fledgling rap collective Time Bomb, honing his craft alongside future superstars like Booba and Diam's. He quickly developed into a lyricist with a metaphorical ingenuity far more advanced than his contemporaries, crafting violent yet strangely poetic portraits of urban Paris life and drawing on the street-smart American hip-hop of the Notorious B.I.G.

421,371Monthly Listeners1 39,078 Followers



French hardcore rapper Booba was born Elie Yaffa in Boulogne-Billancourt on September 9, 1976. In 1996 he teamed with fellow rapper Ali to co-found the group Lunatic and the label 45 Scientific, in 2000 issuing the acclaimed LP Mauvais Oeil. Lunatic split as Booba began launching a solo career, and in 2002 he released his debut effort, Temps Mort. A commercial and critical hit, the record's success resulted in a contract with major label Universal, and two years later he issued his breakthrough, Panthéon.

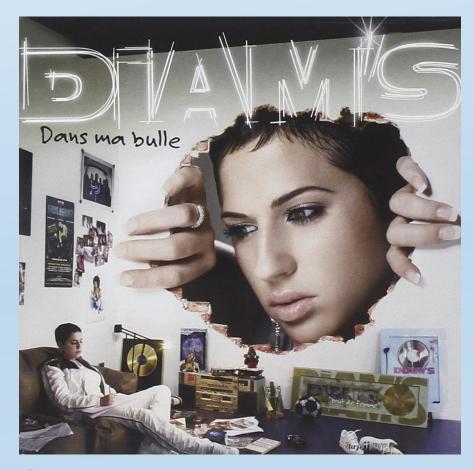
1,692,244 Monthly Listeners 1,613,576 Followers



The embodiment of hardcore hip-hop in France for decades, NTM (aka Suprême NTM) were comprised of Didier Morville (aka Joey Starr) and Bruno Lopes (aka Kool Shen).

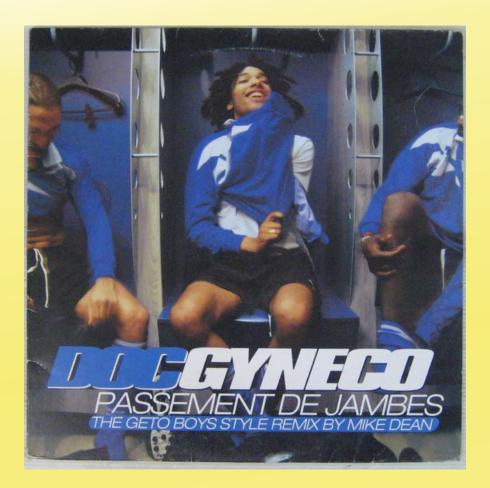
Both born in 1968, they grew up in the French department of Seine-Saint-Denis, where they went to school together, but had no special connection until 1983 when they both attended a dance show in the Trocadero (including American dancers showing their ability to breakdance and smurf).

499,537 Monthly Listeners 265,318 Followers



One of small handful of women to infiltrate the male-dominated world of French hip-hop, "rappeuse" Diam's nevertheless enjoyed significant commercial and critical success culminating with 2003's award-winning Brut de Femme. By 14, she began writing her own songs, adopting the alias Diam's from a dictionary entry defining diamonds in terms of both their opulence and their impenetrability. By 1995 Georgiades was a fixture of the Paris rap circuit, often collaborating with the Instances Glauques collective. In 1997, she befriended rapper Yannick from the Mafia Trece posse, guesting on two tracks on their LP Cosa Nostra and performing on the anti-racism tour "Sachons Dire Non."

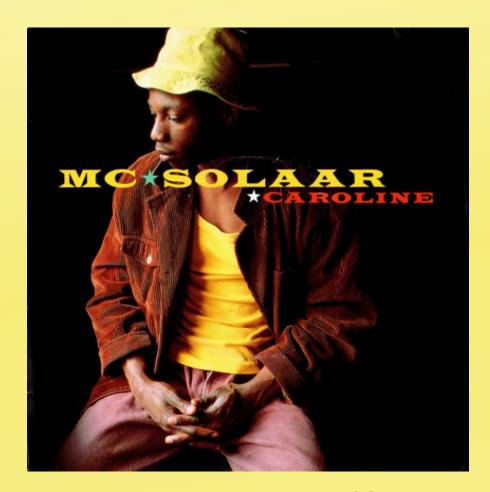
797,674 Monthly Listeners 289,941 Followers



Doc Gyneco is a Guadeloupean/French ragga/rap/hip-hop artist who got his start at the age of 19 with the hip-hop outfit Ministère AMFR.

The group split soon after, and Gyneco signed a solo deal with Virgin France. His debut for the label, 1996's Premiere Consultation, which was the result of recording and writing in Los Angeles with the American producer Ken Kessie, turned out to be magic in France, scoring a number of hit singles. Liaisons Dangereuses, his second full-length, was released in 1998, and continued his streak of well-received albums.

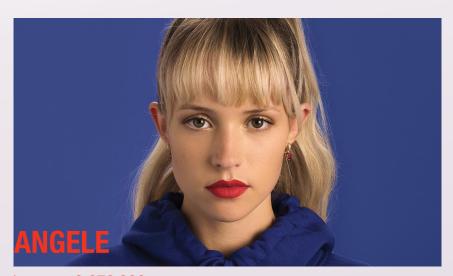
175,242 Monthly Listeners 86,544 Followers



The best and most popular French rapper, MC Solaar found success in America among fans of acid jazz and jazz-rap (if not the larger hip-hop community) after guesting on Guru's acclaimed Jazzmatazz project.

His fluid phrasing makes up for his lack of English, and the production on his solo work (by DJ Jimmy Jay and Boom Bass of La Funk Mob) surpasses that of most of his hip-hop contemporaries.

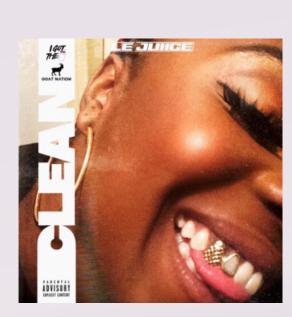
332,108 Monthly Listeners 152,107 Followers



3,676,302 **Monthly Listeners** 1,232,888 **Followers**



15,024 **Monthly Listeners** 1,630 **Followers**





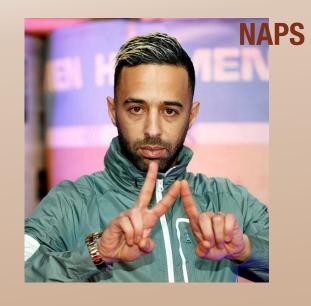
CHILLA

372,551 Monthly Listeners 93,089 Followers

1,881,431 **Monthly Listeners** 863,434 **Followers**



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1,647,554 Monthly Listeners 668,037 Followers



ALONZO



SCH

1,657,345 Monthly Listeners 706,933 Followers



1,321,205 Monthly Listeners 1,174,169 Followers

JUL

2,289,339
Monthly Listeners
2,303,832
Followers





6,227,873 MONTHLY LISENERS 1,701,773 FOLLOWERS

Where people listen

- 1. PARIS, FR 661,647 listeners
- 2. MILAN, IT 151,948 listeners
- 3. LYON, FR 151,400 listeners
- 4. AMSTERDAM, NL 140,337 listeners
- 5. ROME, IT 118,270 listeners

Aya Nakamura's track <u>Djadja</u> sounds, to anglophone ears, like a love song. With the video fast approaching 300m views on YouTube, this catchy afropop song made Nakamura's the queen of the French urban music scene last year. But while the 23-year-old's voice playfully switches between singing and soft rap, the bittersweet track finds Nakamura calling out a guy who has been lying about having sex with her. "You think about me while I think about making money," she sings (in French), witheringly. "I'm not your mother / I'm not going to lecture you."

The song has been hailed as an anthem for female empowerment and taken on a life of its own: Nakamura's image was used on posters during recent French protests confronting violence against women. Yet the singer is equivocal about the reaction. "It's cool to be able to represent black women in France," she says, "but I have my own way of being, my own way of doing things. There's a problem when people say, 'You're the only black woman representing, a there are others too."



Imen Es

812,106 Monthly Listeners

> 106,680 Followers

At just 20 years old, the young woman Imen Es has everything to become the new R&B revelation of the year.

Still rare on platforms, the young artist multiplies collaborations and hits, in particular with her featuring alongside Abou Debeing, or Lartiste and her hit "Attentat" which today exceeds 20 million views.







2,967,122 Monthly Listeners

> 2,802,006 Followers

Niska

Niska is a young 23 year-old rapper from the Paris suburbs. Already having strong success with his past records (and accumulating millions of views on his videos), he permanently marked the French musical landscape in July 2017 with his single "Reseaux".

This smash taken from his album "COMMANDO" became the biggest hit of the year with more than 200 million views on YouTube. After this success, some international artists started to hear about the song that was already being played in a few English clubs.





Mister V, is a French YouTuber, Internet personality and actor also known as a new French rapper.

Mister V



1,629,523 Monthly Listeners

> 267,126 Followers



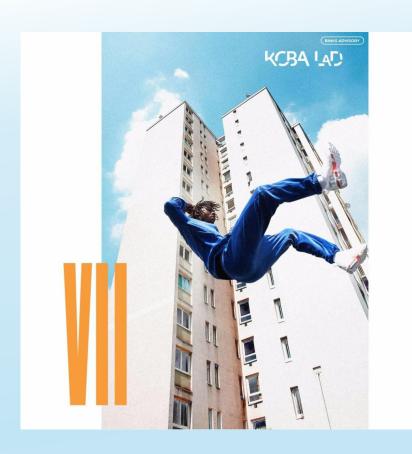
He started rapping in 2012 and released his first mixtape Réussir ou Mounir in 2014 and the follow-up mixtape Nous-mêmes on 29 September 2017. "Gramme 2 Peuf" was his first big success as a single.

Hornet La Frappe

1,556,389 Monthly Listeners

> 1,049,422 Followers





Koba LaD is a French rapper. Koba LaD is from Évry, in Essonne, Île-de-France, France. His name Koba is inspired from the fictional character in Planet of the Apes. "LaD" means 'la débrouille, la détaille, la défonce'. He is signed with Def Jam Recordings.

1,802,309 Monthly Listeners

> 1,304,636 Followers

Koba LaD





MHD

MHD, is a French rapper from Paris, who is known for blending trap music with music of West Africa; a genre he coined as "Afro Trap". He was previously part of the rap collective 1.9 Réseaux.

1,543,276 Monthly Listeners

> 1,284,898 Followers





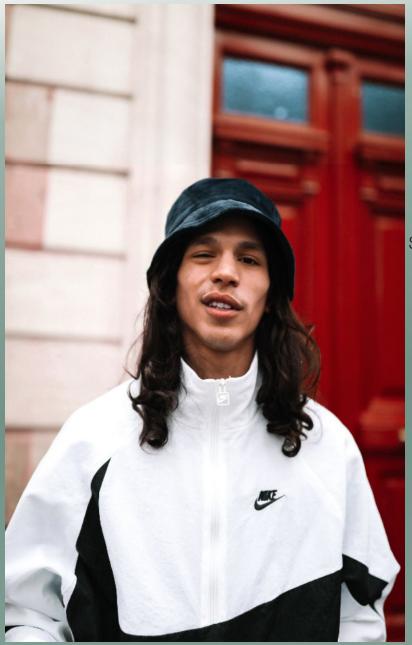
2,527,694 Monthly Listeners

> 641,304 Followers

Maes

Walid Georgey, better known by the stage name Maes, is a French rapper. He has released two albums and a number of singles and is best known for "Madrina" featuring French rapper Booba.





1,385,959 Monthly Listeners

895,278 Followers

Moha La Squale

Mohammet Bellahmed, better known by his stage name Moha La Squale is a French/ Algerian rapper. His first name Moha is derived from his birth name Mohamed and La Squale is in reference to the 2000 French film of the same name. He gained fame through publishing freestyles every Sunday on his Facebook page. Signed to Elektra Records, an affiliate of Warner Bros Records, in August 2017, he released his debut album Bendero that topped the French Albums Chart and also charted in Belgium and Switzerland. A great number of the tracks charting on SNEP, the official French Singles Chart.





w/ V.Abloh, Off-White show

PNL

Combining atmospheric production and hypnotic, introspective rhymes, French alternative hip-hop group PNL ("Peace N' Loves") is a self-made sensation that captured a zeitgeist to score a number one album without signing to any label or granting a single interview.

That album, 2016's Dans la Legende, was their third overall and highest-selling to date, diamond-certified by the time their next chart-topper, Deux Freres, landed in 2019.

2,070,590 Monthly Listeners

> 2,761,375 Followers

MAINSTREAM



Multi-award winning artist at the head of over 5 million albums sold.

Author, composer, producer and performer, GIMS creates music in his image where eclecticism is essential, capable of making the whole of France dance to the rhythms of Congolese rumba, to the French variety or to titles in pop tones. urban.

MAITRE GIVIS

5,543,322 Monthly Listeners

2,180,274 Followers







Antoine Valentinelli (born 4 December 1991 in Paris), better known by his stage name Lomepal, is a French rapper and singer from the 13th arrondissement of Paris.[1][2] He has released five EPs, and two studio albums: Flip, released in June 2017, was certified double platinum by the SNEP;[3] and Jeannine, released in December 2018.

LOMEPAL

1,631,735 Monthly Listeners

873,232 Followers





ROMEO ELVIS

2,111,176 Monthly Listeners 588,800 Followers

Roméo Elvis, 26 years old, is an unmissable figure in the French-hip hop scene and one of the most streamed Belgian artists on online listening platforms. Over the years, he has succeeded in creating and consolidating a special bond with his audience thanks to his authentic aesthetic and innovative musical projects.





A member of hip-hop acts including S-Crew, 1995, and L'Entourage, Nekfeu is known for both political and personal subject matter. He became a chart-topping solo artist in his native France with his second album, 2016's Cyborg. A year later, he made his film acting debut in Tout Nous Sépare opposite the legendary Catherine Deneuve

NEKFEU



2,177,098 Monthly Listeners

> 1,238,608 Followers



Lord Esperanza, 271,558 Monthly Listeners 129,731

Followers formerly known under the pseudonym 'Speranza in his early days, is an urban pop singer born on September 30, 1996 in Paris.

LORD ESPERANZA

271,558 Monthly Listeners

> 129,731 Followers



BELGIQUE



Damso started his rap career in 2006 by performing at local and underground events. At the start of his rap career, he formed rap collective OPG with childhood friend Dolfa. They later recruited Ducke, Lio Brown, and Rex. He released his first solo project Salle d'attente online as a free download in 2014. In collaboration with his band OPG, and significantly inspired by his younger brother Mehdi Rais, he released his mixtape MMMXIII on 24 September 2014

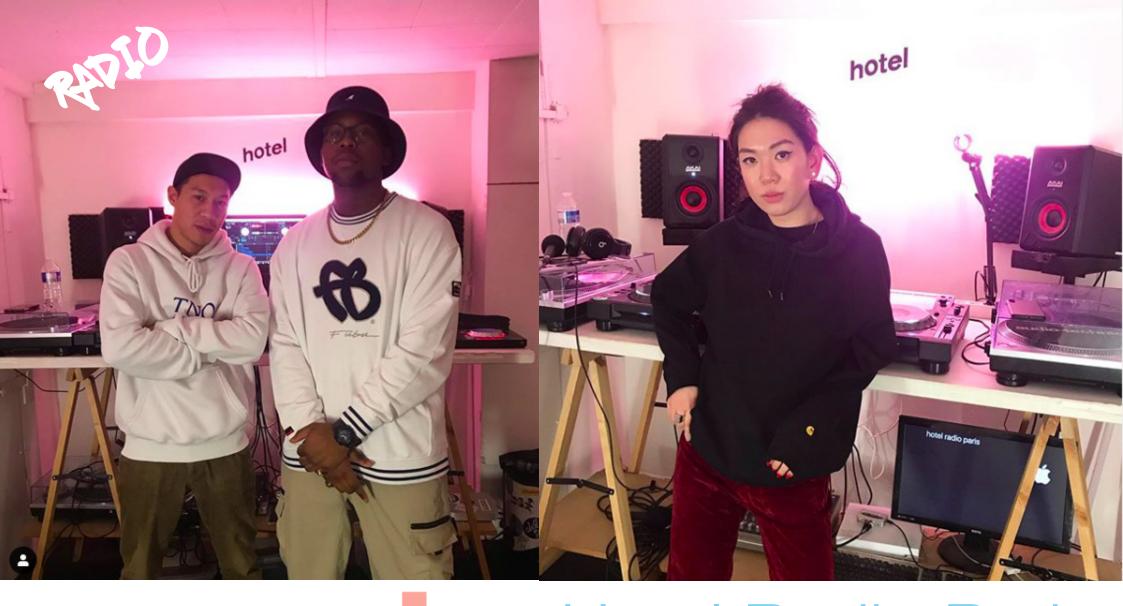
DAMSO

1,751,809 Monthly Listeners

2,375,370 Followers







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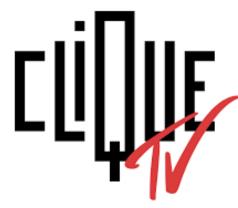
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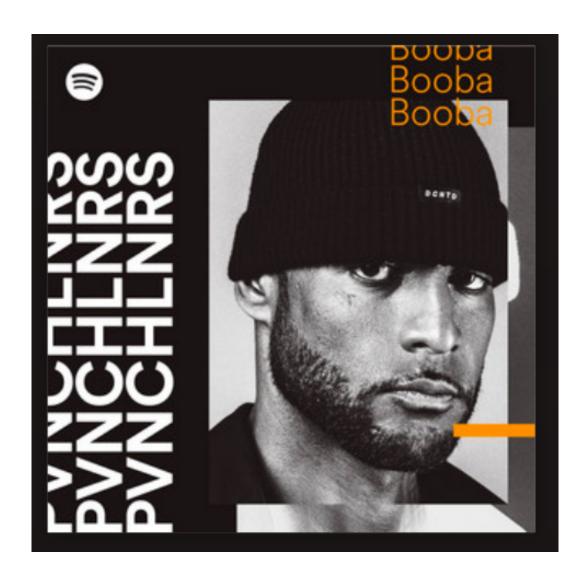




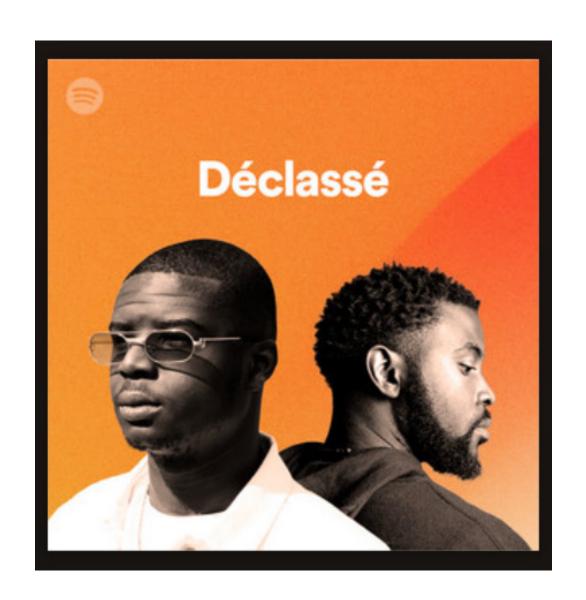


Spotify Playlists





974,229 likes



72,161 likes



de Virginie Efira à Damso en passant par Stromae





TROPICAL

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TV

Opportunities

Music in English, is no longer the norm as majority of music consumed in France is now local. If new ways of distribution are created the country's original sounds could potentially be exported internationally.



French Game - Arte TV



Kodes Interview - Hotel Radio Paris



Porches : "La seule chose que je fais vraiment, c'est créer de la musique" - *Les Inrocks*

Watchings/ Listenings/ Readings

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