



Jean Benoit BAKHOUM
Senegal

Author, composer, arranger, Jean Benoit BAKHOUM has a great passion for Senegalese choral music. With more than a thousand composed pieces, both sacred and secular repertoire, he is one of the most prolific composers and among the best known in Senegal for his simple harmonies.

Specialist of the serere ethnic music (west coast of Senegal), this guitarist, follower of the double-range, he is invested for more than 20 years in the research on the harmonies and the traditional rhythms.

Jean Benoit Bakhoum is professor of harmony and trainer in musical art education, Director of studies and internships of the National School of Arts in Dakar. He is particularly interested in collecting, transcribing and harmonizing Senegalese traditional songs.

He also leads a choral career with twenty years of experience. Music Director of *A Coeur Joie Senegal*, he conducts the *Grand Choir of 500 singers* for major cultural events and regularly participates in local training courses as part of the *Conductor Without Borders (CWB)* program. the IFCM.

He is decorated "*Knight of the National Order of Merit*" in 2018, and is a representative of the African Youth Choir in Senegal.