

ONĚJIRU

# Bio

**Onejiru is a musician, founder & activist.**

The Nairobi-born singer and songwriter grew up in Wanne-Eickel and has lived in Hamburg for many years. Not only has she toured in Europe, USA, Russia and East Africa and sang on various albums, but has also been an integral part of the artist collective Turtle Bay Country Club from the Hamburg music producer and manager Matthias Arfmann.

Onejiru is a member of "Ballet Jeunesse" as a singer and producer. The team of "Ballet Jeunesse" recomposed classical music in order to bring it closer to a younger audience. Ballet Jeunesse opened the Reeperbahn Festival 2016 together with the Hamburg Symphony Orchestra and in the same year was nominated for the HANS Music Award in the categories "Album of the Year" and "Outstanding Production". In October 2018 ARTE broadcast the documentary "Ballet Jeunesse - Von Ballet, Beats und Regelbrechern" and a concert with the NDR Radiophilharmonie. The album "Ballet Jeunesse" has been released on the Decca label in 13 countries.

In addition to her career as a musician, she is socially involved in the advisory board of the Viva con Agua Foundation and "Sisters" the Afro-German artists' collective, which she co-founded. "Sisters" is a collective of women who have joined forces to commit themselves politically and socially to issues such as gender, racism, education and environmental policy. She is also a spokesperson for Music Hamburg Women, a network for women in the music industry and co-initiator and founder of "eeden", a co-creation space for visionary women.

She will release her second solo album "Higher than High" on 30th of August 2019.



# Media

- ★ Onejiru - Story of my Life  
Directed by Kay Schilling, Matthias Arfmann + Onejiru  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZPNqQ4N0rhQ>
- ★ Onejiru - Higher Than High  
Directed by Lukas Rotter  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZjLbhDskbiw>
- ★ Ballet Jeunesse - Carmen feat. Onejiru  
Directed by Zoran Bihac & Skip Danko  
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rcR9ckJfOHw>)
- ★ ...and many more!



# Contact

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Artist x Singer-Songwriter x Keynote Speaker

- ★ Initiator & Founding Member of eeden Hamburg - a co-creation space for visionary women
- ★ Founding Member of SISTERS MUSIC - a female afro-german women association
- ★ Member of Board of musicHHwomen
- ★ Advisory Board Member of VIVA CON AGUA FOUNDATION

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