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## MOREIRA CHONGUICA NOMINATED IN U.S AWARDS

May 2017 – Morestar Entertainment is proud to announce that [Moreira Chonguica's](#) 4<sup>th</sup> album **MP RELOADED**, which was released in 2013, has been nominated for **Best African Album** in the [Just Plain Folks Music \(JPF\) Awards](#). Two songs off the album, namely **OTUPAM** and **ASHANTI Part 2 RELOADED** have also both been nominated in the category African Song. Moreira is the only entrant from Africa in these categories.

Other nominees in the African Album category include Mark Stone, a US percussionist, Afro-Jersey from New York mix West African rhythms and Drumhand from Toronto, Canada.

The awards ceremony will be held in Los Angeles on 5 August 2017 where the winners in the 60 + categories will be announced.

In an article by Mabrian Fitz for Singer Magazine, written a few years ago entitled "A real world, real music award show", <http://www.jpfolks.com/AwardsArticle.pdf>, the awards have been called the "Grassroots Grammy's" because of the diversity and variety of the entrants from all over the world.

Starting off as a way to recognise members of the JPF community of independent musicians and songwriters around the world, this awards programme has grown into a grassroots phenomenon that includes 10, 000 albums, 140, 000 songs from 85 different countries in 60 different genres of music.

The JPF awards are considered the largest and most diverse and most inclusive awards contest in the music business and recognising the "other 98%" of the music made around the world. They are held every five years.

Using volunteer judges from music industry professionals, musician and song writing peers, JPF staff, fellow nominees and music fans. The judges criterion is simple "Does it move you?" is the question with which all the music is initially tested.

Moreira's MP RELOADED is a remixed album of songs taken from Vol 1: The Journey and Vol 2: Citizen of the World.

In addition to MP RELOADED, Moreira has recorded four other studio albums namely Vol 1: The Journey (2005); Vol 2: Citizen of the World (2009); Kanimambo (2011) and M & M: Moreira Chonguica & Manu Dibango (2017) as well as live album – Live at Polana Serena Hotel (2015).

MP RELOADED is available online on numerous platforms including [ITUNES](#) and [CD BABY](#)

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