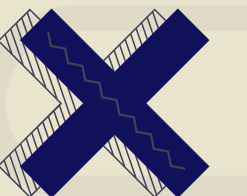
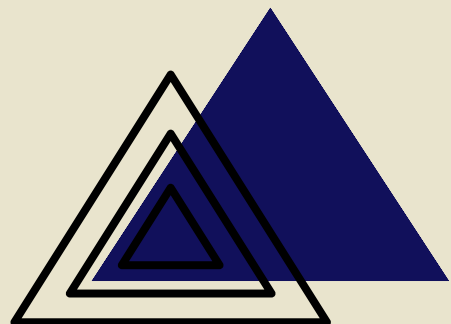
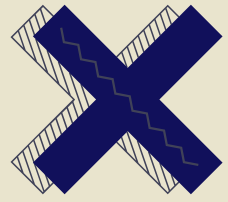


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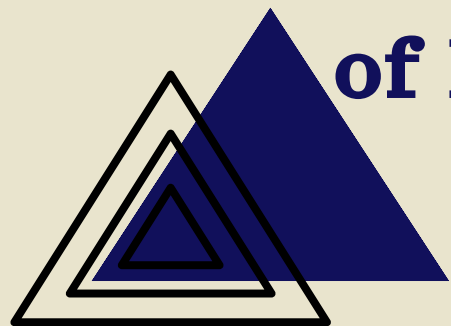
**Aliaune Damalla ( Akon );**  
**Singer/composer;**  
**1973 ( 51 years )**

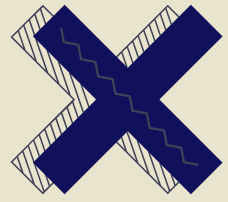




# **BIOGRAPHY:**

**Akon, whose stage name is Aliaune Damala Badara Akon Thiam, was born on April 16, 1973, in St. Louis, Missouri, with roots in Senegal. He spent part of his childhood in Senegal, connecting with his cultural heritage. He is a singer, songwriter, music producer, and entrepreneur, blending R&B, hip hop, and African music in his style. Akon gained international fame in the early 2000s with hits like Locked Up and Lonely. These songs are part of his debut album, Trouble (2004).**

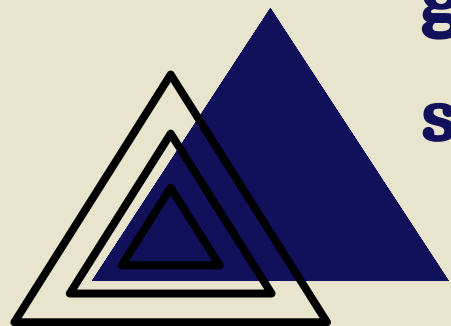
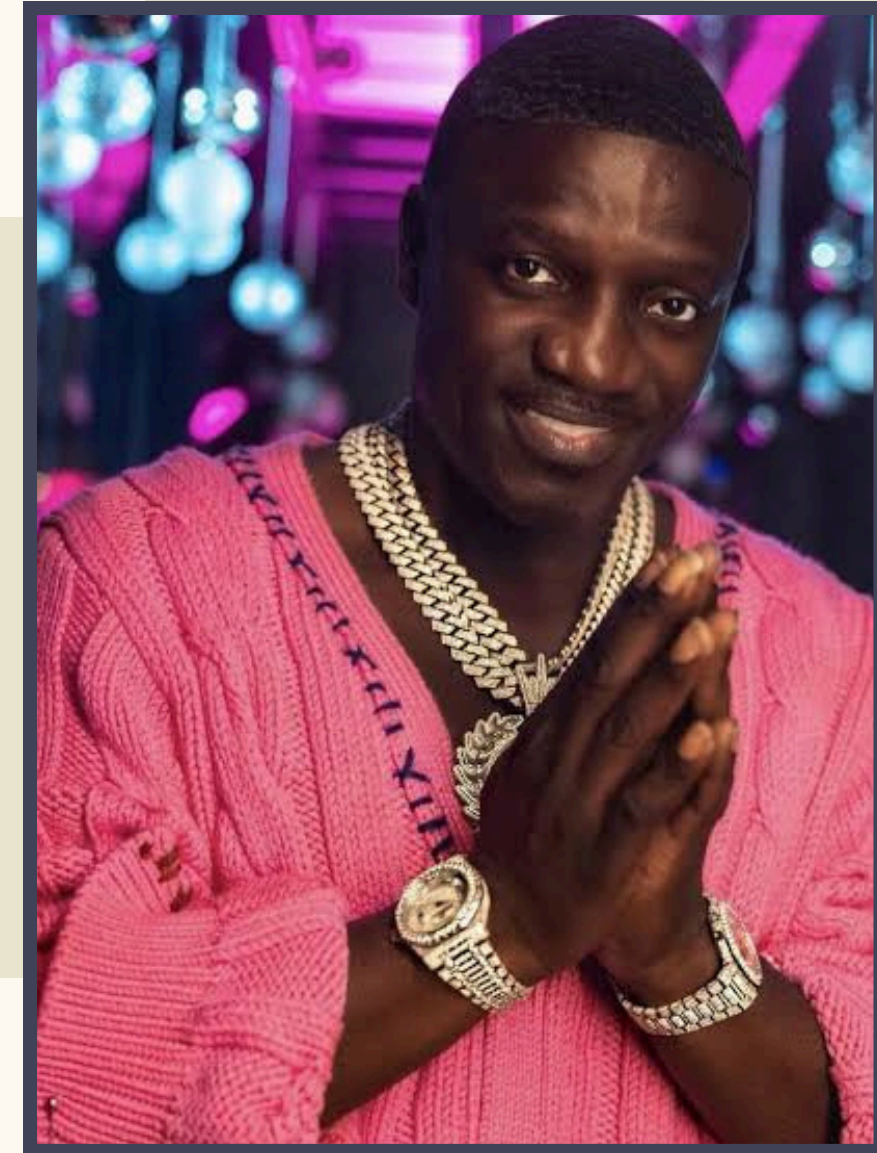


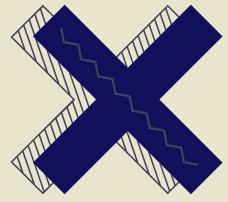


# LEGACY:

**Singer and producer Akon left a musical legacy marked by hits like "Don't Matter," "Smack That," "I Wanna Love You," and "Right Now (Na Na Na)."**

**He successfully crossed cultural and musical borders, highlighting African influences in his music and promoting global acceptance of diverse musical styles.**



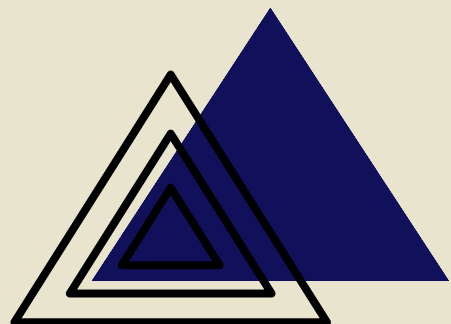


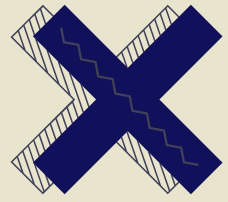
# GLOBAL CONTEXT



**When Akon was at the height of his career, between 2004 and 2010, the world was going through several landmark events. Like for example:**

**Global Financial Crisis (2008): The collapse of the US housing market led to a global recession, affecting economies around the world.**





# **“LONELY”**

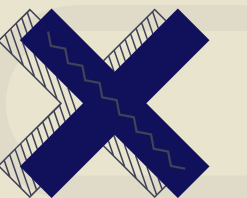
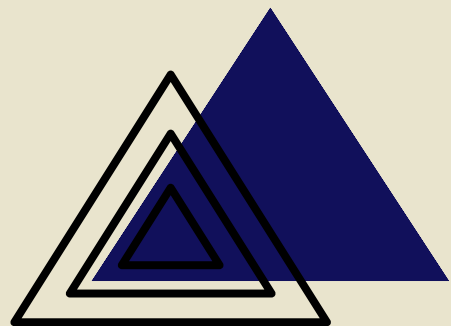
**“Yo, this one here goes out to all my players out there,  
man**

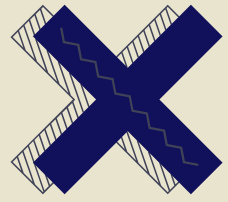
**Ya know, that got that one good girl, Lord**

**That's always been there, man**

**Like, took all the bullshit**

**But then one day, she can't take it no more and decide  
to leave”**





**THANK  
YOU**

