



Multitalented singer, songwriter & producer **Francis Jocky** is something of an enigma, an artist with an universal appeal and blessed with a unique voice. Raised in Paris, France and now living in New York City, Francis Jocky has developed a sound that transcends borders.

He is rapidly becoming an international personality, sharing the microphone with the likes of **Bono** of U2 and **Stevie Wonder**, just to name a few.

His latest project, an EP entitle "SANCTIFIED", produced and recorded in New York City, features some of music top producers and recording engineers including extraordinary writer **Andrew Wyatt** and Grammy Award Winner **Scott Jacoby** (John Legend, Ayo, Naturally Seven, etc.).

On "SANCTIFIED" Francis Jocky blends aspects of Classic Rock n Roll, Pop, and Soul into a patchwork of tracks that will find a home in any true music lover's collection. Listeners may hear echoes of Seal, Sting and The Police compositions. The songs are upbeat, yet pleasing, and Jocky's lyrics are warm, inviting and yes, intellectual. On the title track, "Sanctified" he opens with delicate acoustic guitar and an exceptional voice. "I put my lips to the holy wine, I drop to my knees so broken inside, and I leave here sanctified, I pray your love, my soul to keep." The music moves something inside of you. "Music should speak to the soul, connect us all to our common humanity and allows us to dream, feel, but most importantly- live" says the artist.

From an early age he learned to express himself through music and by the age of twelve had begun playing piano and writing his own songs.

Francis Jocky has a wonderful duality as an artist, which probably has its roots in his combined educational and musical training. He is the recipient of a **Ph.D.** from the prestigious **Sorbonne University** in Paris, France, combined with being a critically acclaimed musician and artist.

Many have approach him in collaborating on various music projects including one with the legendary **Jon Anderson**, lead singer of the band YES. In their collaboration, the band "**Know**" was formed and signed by Eagle Rock Entertainment. He composed fourteen songs of the band's critically acclaimed album "The More You Know". He also recorded for "A Tribute to Sting".

Over the years, Francis Jocky continues to participate in high profile concerts. He was involved in the MIDEM music conference in Cannes and shared the stage with music genius Stevie Wonder (in Monte Carlo). The responses from the shows were overwhelming and the media hailed him "The New Sensation". Thus he was invited to play the Nemo Music Festival (as part of the Boston Music Awards).

Francis is also involved with the Festival "Tout le Monde Chante", which takes place twice a year in Paris and Aveyron (the South of France). The festival showcases France's entertainment VIP's, all participating for a non-profit organization which helps children with cancer.

While his recorded music is remarkable, live performances are his strength. During a live performance with Bono, he remarked "**Francis, you are a star!**"

After working or sharing the mic with artists such as Jon Anderson, Stevie Wonder, Bono, Jacques Higelin, Isaac Hayes, Ray Lema and Wally Badarou among many others, Francis Jocky continues his solo journey with his second release "SANCTIFIED", talking about love, the state of the world and the human condition.

"SANCTIFIED" is scheduled to be released during this year's winter holiday season and is inspired by New York City according to the artist. "I have traveled the world, and there is no other city like New York. The energy keeps you moving, it's raw and it fuels your creativity. The city challenges you to be the best yet, it has no place for compassion" says Francis Jocky. It only demands the best and that was "SANCTIFIED" is.

Sanctified is available on iTunes, all other digital outlets, cdbaby and www.francisjocky.com

QUOTES

"Those with an adventurous palate might want to arrive earlier to hear Jocky... [his music] combines acoustics with electronic flourishes for a worldly yet melodic sound.»

Boston Herald

Jocky is a sort of postmodern soul man..

Global Rhythm Magazine

Jocky is an animal on stage with an expressive energy, capable of heating up a room in no time at all. He is truly amazing!"

Le Parisien

"He's like dynamite on stage!"

France Musique

"Like a funkier Cat Stevens or a more direct Dave Matthews, Jocky exudes sweet, sunny charm as he gets to the heart of the matter. A true pleasure to discover"

Star Polish

"...absolutely fabulous music, which really is no surprise, when you read up on his musical pedigree.....

He's performed with Stevie Wonder and U2...quite a feat."

Indie Launch pad

"Altogether, the songs contained in this album (Mr Pain) present an expressive voice which occasionally reminds one of Al Jarreau. We love this record."

Le Figaro

"Francis Jocky has a voice that is quite unique, something that I would rather not compare to anyone.

His songs are special and his French-Cameroon roots come out in a vibrant and inspired way."

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various musical platforms and websites. Higher Love,
We are and Like You were the most
played songs on podcasts all over the world.

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