

# Dr. Mark Lomax, II

Composer|Performer|Educator|Activist

## 400: An Afrikan Epic

“The real struggle has been since Africans set foot on the continent, an affirmation of the value of oneself.”  
– August Wilson

The year 1619 marks the widely regarded beginning of the Transatlantic slave trade and the first time in world history where human beings were legally treated as common chattel. From then until 1865 the American legal system regarded imprisoned descendants of Africa as less than human and upon the legal end of federally sanctioned trafficking of human life, the humanity of Africans in America was much in question.

Dr. Lomax ambitiously tells the story of Black America over the course of a 12 album cycle to be released in 2019. **400: An Afrikan Epic** is divided into thirds and explores thousands of years of the history that is pre-colonial **Afrika**, the **Ma'afa** (the 400 years between 1619 and 2019), and **Afro-futurism** expressing a vision of what Blacks in America will heal toward in the next 400 years; a healthy, high functioning, and united bloc of the African diaspora.

With **400: An Afrikan Epic**, Lomax celebrates the resilience, brilliance, strength, genius, and creativity of a people who continue to endure while offering a transformative view of the future.

### **Alkebulan: The Beginning of Us**

The First Ankhcestor– celebration of the Drums in Afrikan cosmology  
Song of the Dogon– portrait of a mystical ethnic group in West Afrika  
Dance of the Orishas– music inspired by the Yoruban spiritual tradition

The Coming– Musical depiction of the Middle Passage

### **Ma'afa: Great Tragedy**

Ma'afa– remembering to forget and forgetting to remember

Up South– portrait of racism in America

Four Women– tribute to Black women

Blues in August– tribute to Black men

### **Afro-Futurism: The Return to Uhuru**

Tales of the Black Experience– sankofan perspective

Ankh & The Tree of Life– culturally relevant spiritual belief systems

Spirits of the Egungun– spiritual, cultural, political return to Self

Afrika United– becoming... again

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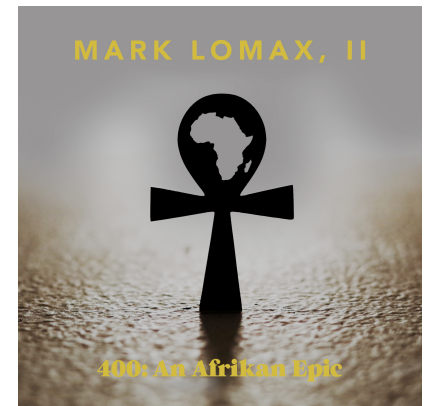
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### **Album Listing:**

#### **Alkebulan: The Beginning of Us**

- 1) First Ankhcestor
- 2) Song of the Dogon
- 3) Dance of the Orishas
- 4) The Coming

#### **Ma'afa: Great Tragedy**

- 5) Ma'afa
- 6) Up South
- 7) Four Women
- 8) Blues in August

#### **Afro-Futurism: The Return to Uhuru**

- 9) Tales of the Black Experience
- 10) Ankh & The Tree of Life
- 11) Spirits of the Egungun

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