

Copyright law & Konpa music

Introduction



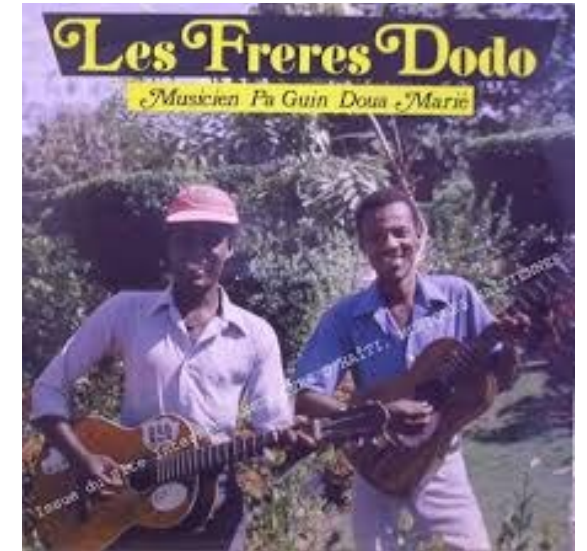
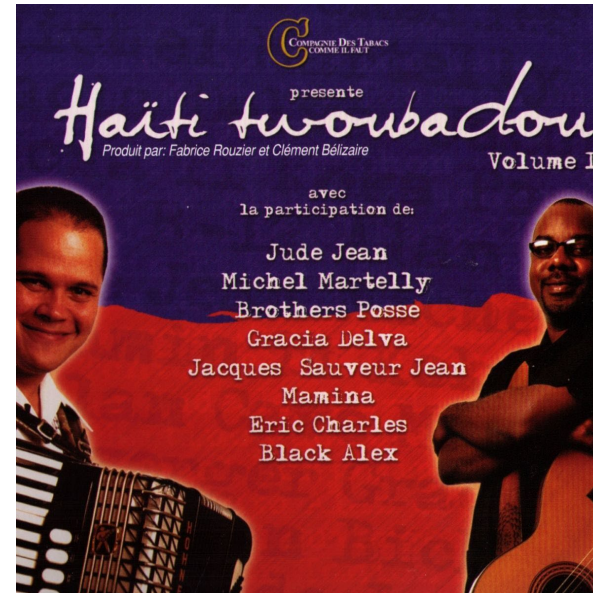
Burna Boy ✓

61.9K posts



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1. Copyright in Haiti

a. Laws

- Presidents in 1800s
- Berne Convention
 - Contribution
 - Re-adherence in 1995
- 2005 Decrees
 - Copyright Office
 - Folklore protection



LIBERTÉ

ÉGALITÉ

FRATERNITÉ

RÉPUBLIQUE D'HAÏTI

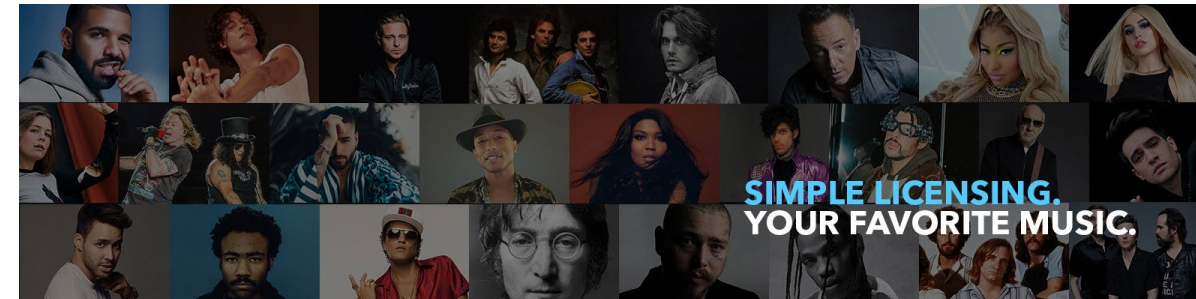
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1. Haitian Copyright Law & Enforcement

b. Enforcement

- Copyright promotion
- Collective Rights
 - Foreign protection
 - Private entity in 2018
- Weak Music Industry



"Sweet Micky" registered his music at Haitian Office of Copyright (BHDA)

2. Konpa

a. evolution

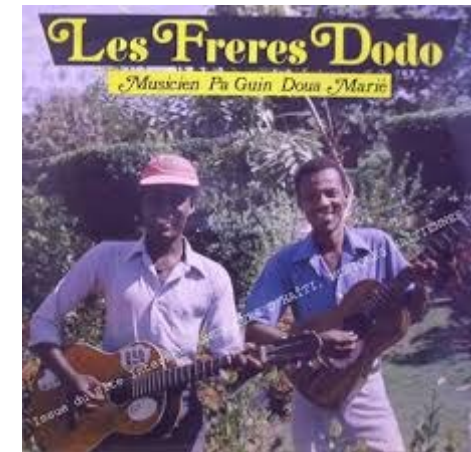


Safe - Michael Brun, John Legend, Rutshelle

3. Rouzier vs. Dwèt Filé

a. Facts

- 1980s & 90s : Troubadour & Freres Dodo interpretations
- 2002 : Rouzier's Je vais (song #3)
- 2005: Frere Dodo recording Ti Tass (song #4)
- October 2024: 4 Kanpe release (song #5, Music Video)
- March 2025: 4 Kanpé II remix (Song #6)
- April 22: Rouzier files suit

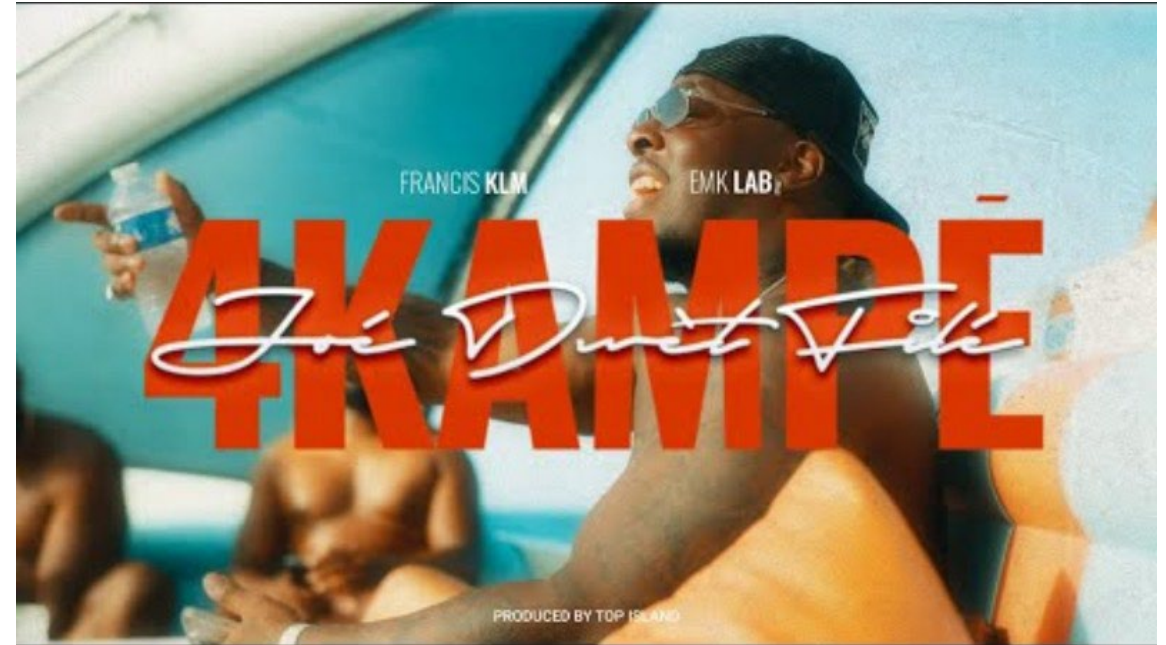


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b. Songs

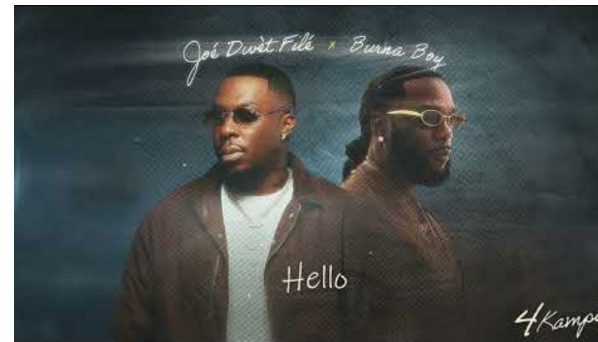
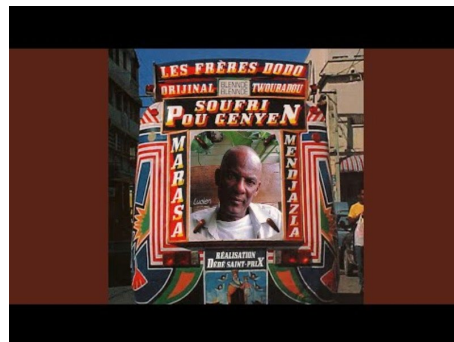


Song #3 (2002): Rouzier's Je vais



Song #5, Music Video (2024): 4 Kanpé

Song #4 (2005) Frères
Dodo Ti Tass



Song #6 (2025): 4
Kanpé II remix

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b. Legal issues

- 1: Unauthorized copying and sampling of Je Vais in **4 Kanpé** (Dwèt Filé)
- 2: Unauthorized copying and *use* of Je Vais **music video** (Dwèt Filé)
- 3: Unauthorized copying and sampling of Je Vais in **4 Kanpé II** (Dwèt Filé and **Burna Boy**)
- 4: Unauthorized **performances of Je Vais** in connection with 4 Kanpe (**Tonton Bicha**)
- 5: Civ. Rights Sections 50 & 51

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40. Defendant Dwèt Filé and the other Dwèt Filé Defendants included in the 4 Kampe Music Video Plaintiff Rouzier's image (as it was displayed in the Je Vais Music Video) without his written consent, approval or permission and in willful disregard of Mr. Rouzier's rights to publicity and privacy. Below is a full frame image of Mr. Rouzier from the 4 Kampe Music Video.

Conclusion

Final thoughts

Thank you!
Mèsi!



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41. 4 Kampe has been hugely successful. As of April 17, 2025, You Tube Music reports that 4 Kampe has been played 100 million times.

