

## **[Ben Okafor](#) weighs in with 'Acoustic Close-Up' CD**

AFRICAN roots and reggae man [Ben Okafor](#) returns with a new album for Plankton Records, 'Acoustic Close-Up'. Recorded at his new purpose built recording studio, the album is described as "unlike any other [Ben Okafor](#) album." Said Okafor, "I wanted to stretch myself musically and creatively by rooting this album in acoustic instruments, but at the same time bring my character and all that I am to bear in the music, its arrangements and ultimately the performances. Consequently there is a large percussive element integrated into the music, much of which I performed using African instruments. Lyrically, the songs cover my upbringing in Africa (which included some time as a boy soldier), life's experiences, my all-important faith and my reflections on the state of the world." 📸