

Nigerian singing legend Olanrewaju Abdul-Ganiu Fasasi aka Sound Sultan dies

Nigerian singing legend Olanrewaju Abdul-Ganiu Fasasi, more famously known as Sound Sultan, has died.

Olanrewaju Abdul-Ganiu Fasasi was the prime example of a shining star and a powerful voice of African music.



His dedication to the craft was impossible to miss and on many occasions on the All African Music Awards (Afrima) stage, Sound Sultan connected the hearts of millions of Africans through music and proved consistently that he was passionate about music.

Speaking on behalf of Afrima, the president and executive producer, Mike Dada, noted: "It is said that the circle of life is completed in death, but it says nothing about the grief that comes with the finality of it. Sound Sultan was a pioneer of contemporary African music and we are completely devastated at this loss."

Beyond his roles as a brilliant performer and entertainer, Sound Sultan was dedicated to collaborations among African artists to promote African entertainment and unity as this was reflected in the monumental role he played as the coordinator for the Afrima Festival Studio; where the artists from around the continent would come to collaborate during the Afrima weekend in 2017 and 2018.

“On this day, we remember his kindness, humility, simplicity, dedication, contributions, and zeal for music and the way it manifested in his sound. We remember his grace, positivity, joy and how it always spread to those around him,” said Afrima in a statement.

“On behalf of Afrima in partnership with the African Union Commission and the rest of Africa, we celebrate the life of a legend that left too soon. We also send our heartfelt condolences to the family of Mr Olanrewaju Abdul-Ganiu Fasasi. Your legacy and impact will continue to live on in our hearts,” concluded the organisation.

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