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**Ali Chukwumah and his
Peacemakers
International Band of Nigeria
Gentleman Ali Chukwumah, Akpolla
1981**

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Ali Chukwuma was a legendary Nigerian highlife musician known for his unique style, soulful melodies, and deep storytelling. His music, which blended traditional Igbo rhythms with highlife elements, made him one of the most influential artists of his time.

After his father passed away, Chukwuma moved to Atani, where he met Chief Stephen Osita Osadebe. In the late 1960s, he joined Osadebe's Nigeria Sound Makers Band. However, in 1975, he left to start his own group, Peace Makers Dance Band, which released

several highlife albums in the 1970s and 1980s.

Some people mistakenly believe that Ali Chukwuma was Muslim. This is incorrect—he took the name “Ali” from Ali Baba, a famous African wrestler he admired in the 1960s and 1970s.

Chukwuma passed away in the mid-1980s due to liver failure, but his music remains popular among highlife fans.

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The Tragic Death of Ali Chukwuma

Ali Chukwuma did not know he was from Aboh in Ndokwa East, Delta State. His mother was from Atani in Ogbaru, Anambra, and his father, who had passed away, was from Aboh.

He started learning music from Chief Stephen Osita Osadebe.

Ali Chukwuma was around the same age as Ozoemena Nsugbe, Muddy Ibeh Akataka, Oliver De Coque Nwa Akanite, Sunny Okosun, and Emeka Morocco Maduka.

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Discography of Ali Chukwuma

1975

- Amala Isekise (LP; Editions Namaco ENLP 4) (CD; Editions Namaco ENLPS 4) Side A: Amala Isekise / Late Everest Ogochi / Onye Ilom Egbunam
- Side B: Onye Ga Ekwulu Nwagbeyi Onua / Uwa Bu Onye Meli Ikeya

Onua / Ana Azor Eze Azor?

1976

Ali Chukwuma & his Peace Makers International

- Ezi Nne Nwanyi Oma (LP; Editions Namaco ENLPS 27) Side A: Ezi Nne Nwanyi Oma / Uko Family Special / Nzewi Brothers
- Side B: Ogeli Sili Obi / Uche Echegbue Ndi Nwelu

1977

Ali Chukwuma & his Peace Makers International

- Odi Ofele Special (LP; Editions Namaco ENLPS 26) Side A: Odi Ofele / Ogalanya Enwe Ikpeazu
- Side B: Onwu Obinma / Onye Melu Njo / Nnewi Young Boys Timber Special

Ali Chuks & his Peace Makers International

- Isu Bu Egwu (LP; Editions Namaco ENLPS 41) Side A: Isu Bu Egwu / Chinyelugo
- Side B: Egwu Ilulo / Late Celestine Ukwu / Nwa Dim Uya

Late 1970s (?)

Ali Chukwumah & his Peace Makers International

- Club 25 (LP; Editions Namaco ENLPS 54) (CD; Editions Namaco ENLPS 54) Side A: Club 25 / Henrietta
- Side B: Onye Melu Ogo Amazi / Ezi Okwu Bu Ndu

Early 1980s (?)

Chief Ali Chukuma & his Peace Makers International Band of Nigeria

- Kam Chili Onum? (LP; Editions Namaco ENLPS 65) Side A: Kam Chili Onum / Onye Ji Ife Onye Wenablu Ya

- Side B: Onye Aghana Nwanne Ya Social Club of Nigeria

Ali Chukwuma & his Peacemakers International Band

- Udo Nigeria (LP; Akpola AGB 013) Side A: Udo Nigeria
- Side B: Chief I.I. Ujeaja & Sons Special / Egwu Ifunanya

Ali Chukuma & his Peace Makers International Band of Nigeria

- Onye Aghana Social Club of Nigeria? (LP; Akpola AGB 15) Side A: Onye Aghana Social Club of Nigeria
- Side B: Kam Chili Onum / Onye Ji Ife Onye Weabala Ya
- Side A: Anuma Agalu Onwem / Ena Ebi Enu, Ina Ezeli Onweyi
- Side B: Alele Egbugo Nwagbey / Ka Ana Ayo Olisa Special (Alias Alhaji Suleman)
- Side A: Egwundioma
- Side B: Eje-Anabu-Isi

1982 (?)

Ali Chukuma & his Peace Makers International Band of Nigeria

- Ezigbo Oyi (LP; Akpola AGB 32) Side A: Ezigbo Oyi
- Side B: De Imo Social Club of Nigeria
- Side A: Omo-Okachie Social Club of Nigeria
- Side B: Ejemu Enu-Uwa / Owun
- Side A: Ife Oma Dimma / Egwu Ndi Olili
- Side B: Cardinal Social Movement of Nigeria

1985

Ali Chukwuma & his Peace Makers Dance Band of Nigeria

- Ego Ji Olu (LP; Niger Cedar Industries AC 001) Side A: Ego Ji Olu
- Side B: Eje Elu Uno

2004 (?)

Ali Chukumah & his Peace Makers International

- ? (CD; P.T.R. PTR 0012)
- ? (CD; A.J.N. AJN 24)

Ali Chuks & his Peace Makers International

- Isu Bu Egwu (CD; A.J.N. AJN 41) Tracks: Isu Bu Egwu / Chinelugo / Egwu Ilulo / Late Celestine Ukwu / Nwa Dim Uya
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