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| 1. How We Be | 6. Mean Love |
| 2. New Name | 7. Hold Tight |
| 3. Yacha | 8. Galley Boys |
| 4. Young Trouble | 9. Son |
| 5. Moonstruck | 10. Omdurman |

This is truly universal soul music, uniting rhythm and styles from our world over to help you move, relate and BE.

Sinkane's 'Mean Love' rolls like an emotional, existential history of the artist. It was recorded at The Rumpus Room in Brooklyn, New York and co-produced with long-time Sinkane collaborator and childhood friend, Greg Lofaro.

From Ahmed Gallab's childhood in Sudan there is a Pan-African influence of popular Sudanese music and haqibah, as well as distinct horn and synth arrangements more common to East Africa. This background merges with the lessons learned from Ahmed's stints with obsessive craftsmen such as Caribou, Yeasayer and Of Montreal.

There is much to fall in love with on Mean Love, his second LP on DFA and the follow up to his breakthrough album 'Mars'. It might be the funky, infectious brass lines of "New Name" or the reggae-soul of "Young Trouble" or the the Sudanese Pop melody of "Omdurman." There are doses of West African slow-burners, surprise appearances of steel guitar arrangements and country-soul, a Noir Blaxploitation vibe, and a newly found sweet falsetto voice reminiscent of Curtis Mayfield specifically in album standout "Hold Tight."

Mean Love is an emotionally rich and generous soul album with a very welcoming appeal. The restless creative drive of Ahmed Gallab these past few years has led to a true breakthrough moment for the artist, and this album is a true reward for time well spent.

"“Hold Tight”—the record's groovy and soulful first single—is a sleepily wrought ballad featuring Gallab's satin falsetto over warm, liquid guitars and a smartly simple, gloriously funky baseline.” - The Fader

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Points of Interest:

1. 300 limited edition colored vinyl copies available.
2. Gallab served as Musical Director for "Atomic Bomb, The Music of William Onyeabor," where Sinkane played two sold-out shows at BAM Opera House, The Barbican in London as well as The Greek in LA and The Warfield in San Francisco. Guests included David Byrne, Alexis Taylor, The Lijadu Sisters, Joshua Redman, Damon Albarn and others. More festival dates on the horizon.
3. Sinkane has played SummerStage with Femi Kuti, and regional tours with Solange, Toro Y Moi, and Yeasayer.
4. A nationwide headline tour is scheduled for October, as well as a follow up run in early 2015 with multiple spot plays in New York.
5. LP comes with a download, and posters are available.

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