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AI Andaluz Project: The Songs Of Iman Kandoussi (out on December 6th, 2024)

GMC 113 / 4250095801136 / label: Galileo Music / format: CD / Spain – Arabo-Andalus

The three singers Sigrid Hausen, Mara Aranda and Iman Kandoussi, each representing one of the three cultures, Jewish-Sephardic, Christian and Arabo-Andalusian, were always at the centre of the music. The Songs of Iman Kandoussi is now the first thematic compilation of the repertoire of this extraordinary band, which focuses on the Arabo-Andalusian repertoire and centres around the Moroccan singer. [Listen.](#)



L'Alba: Grilli

BUDA 860401 / 3341348604015 / label: Buda Musique / format: CD / France-Corsica-Traditional

The text I Grilli ("Crickets") that inspired this album sketches a vision of Corsican music: not only its identity, but also its multiple influences. It is made up of three verses which lead into subsets of interconnected songs. The aim of this album is to offer an immersive experience in which each song, while having its own identity, is part of an overall creation with the I Grilli text as the common thread.



Peixe e Limao: Salta!

MZP 19 / 5425015559223 / label: Muziekplubique / format: CD / Belgium-Italy – Popular

The music is powerful and profound, sometimes lyrical. It tackles worldly and deeply human themes, far from delusions of grandeur. Unromantic love, migration without heroism, boredom, obsessive loneliness, tiredness. On this album, which mixes languages and styles, Peixe e Limao touches the essence of humanity, and speaks to our vulnerability. Their music creates a deep connection, resonating with what unites us all. [Listen.](#)



Markku Lepisto: Duos feat. Riccardo Tesi and others (out on December 13th, 2024)

RAPU 8 / 0788364743930 / label: Rapusaari Records / format: CD / Various – Folk

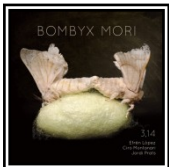
On Markku Lepisto "Duos", he explores a musical journey that transcends borders and traditions. Collaborating with notable diatonic accordionists Riccardo Tesi (Italy), Leija Lautamaja (Finland), Xabi Aburrizaga (Euskadi), and Eva Parmenter (Portugal), he presents two original compositions with each artist. Every duet captures the vibrant musical exchange between two musicians from different backgrounds. [Listen.](#)



Qais Essar: Echoes Of The Unseen

WWWLP25 / 0767461946772 / label: Worlds Within Worlds / format: LP / Afghanistan-Traditional

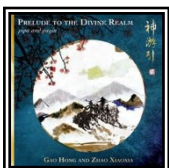
Qais Essar is an acclaimed Afghan composer, instrumentalist and producer known for his mastery of the rabab - the national instrument of Afghanistan, and the precursor to the sarod in Indian classical music. Echoes Of The Unseen is a record which draws on the deep roots of Afghan and Indian classical music, and is filtered through Qais desire to push the rabab into new territory. [Listen.](#)



3,14 feat. Eflen Lopez: Bombyx Mori

WWWCD 9 / 0767461946826 / label: Worlds Within Worlds / format: CD / Various – Silk Road

Bombyx Mori - a seamlessly crafted musical love letter addressed to the instruments of the Middle East and India, and the legacy of the Silk Road. As the passion project of Eflen Lopez, Ciro Montanari and Jordi Prats, 3,14 draws inspiration from music across the globe - ranging from the Eastern Mediterranean through to the Middle East, North India through to Central Asia and beyond.



Gao Hong & Zhou Xiaoxia: Prelude To The Devine Realm (out on January 25th, 2025)

NXW 76178 / 0636943717820 / label: Naxos World / format: CD / China – Traditional

Pipa master Gao Hong and guqin virtuoso Zhao Xiaoxia revisit some of China's most traditional pieces, such as Three Variations on the Plum Blossom and Yangguan Sandie, complementing them with improvisation and adaptation full of their own unique creative charm. Here, they masterfully combine the rich history of traditional culture with the avant-garde energy of contemporary art.



HK: Danser Encore, Le Live (out on December 6th, 2024)

EDPCD 5 / 3760063732276 / label: Irfan / format: CD / France – Popular

Danser encore is the story of a song that has travelled the length and breadth of France and beyond; a contagious melody, a joyful irreverence, an irrepressible desire to meet again, to sow and to love, to smile and to dance... Together! Danser encore is also the name of a tour all over France in 2023. A tour immortalised by this live album, which compiles some of the finest moments from this crazy year of concerts! [Listen.](#)

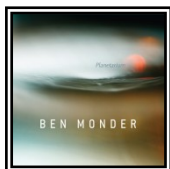


Cal Tjader: Goes Latin**SHELL 42 / 8435307618984 / label: Shellac / format: LP / USA – Latin**

Well, in our opinion, Cal went Latin right from the start, practically. Still, this "Goes Latin" LP is one of his best of the genre from the old days, and features a host of great players like Lonnie Hewitt, Chombo Silva, Mongo Santamaria, Paul Horn, and Willie Bobo. The album includes Cal's semi-hit "Black Orchid", plus "Mi China", "Bonita", "Contigo", and "Mambo At The M". [Listen.](#)

**Bebo Valdes Y Su Gran Orquesta: Beba Valdes Y Su Gran Orquesta****SHELL 38 / 8435307617996 / label: Shellac / format: LP / Cuba – Latin Jazz**

Bebo Valdes (Quivicán, 19 October 1918 - Stockholm, 22 March 2013) was a Cuban jazz pianist, composer and arranger. He was the father of pianist Chucho Valdes. Valdes began his career as a pianist in Havana nightclubs in the 1940s. In 1960, he fled Cuba to Mexico with his singer Rolando La Serie. He lived briefly in the United States before starting to tour in Europe, eventually settling in Stockholm.

**Ben Monder: Planetarium****SSC 1762 / 0016728176224 / label: Sunnyside Records / format: 3CD / USA – Jazz**

The formation of Planetarium began in 2014 when Monder received a grant from The Shifting Foundation to write and record an album. While that project ultimately took a different direction, work on the project continued over the next decade. Monder produced his biggest statement as a composer and conceptualist to date. This album contains extended, elaborate sound poems, but also spontaneous moments of improvisation. [Listen.](#)

**Matt Slocum: Lion Dance****SSC 1745 / 0016728174527 / label: Sunnyside Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

Lion Dance is a work of high distinction. On his first investigation of the tenor saxophone- bass-drumset trio format, in the company of world-class practitioners Walter Smith III and Larry Grenadier, Slocum operates fully as a peer, surefootedly navigating them through five original pieces whose subtle challenges enhance freedom of expression, and three Jazz and American Songbook standards. [Listen.](#)

**Pete Rodriguez: I'm Pete Rodriguez Vol. 1****SSC 1771 / 0016728177122 / label: Sunnyside Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

On I'm Pete Rodriguez, the trumpeter presents a brand new quartet. Longtime friend and collaborator Rudy Royston wasnt available for Rodriguez's project but suggested his young son, Koleby Royston. The younger Royston proved to be a perfect fit with a professionalism. Rodriguez met bassist Raul Reyes in Dallas, and introduced Rodriguez to pianist Esteban Castro and the tremendous woodwind player Jon Beshay. [Listen.](#)

**Ludovico Fulci: Ti Racconto Di Me****AFMCD 315 / 8032050024356 / label: Alfa Music/ format: CD / Italy – Jazz**

With this new recording, Ludovico Fulci offers us a highly inspired and lyrical album, in which the search for singability and melody is a fundamental component of his splendid compositions, presented partly in piano solo and partly in trio. Right from the first piece, in piano solo, Ludovico leads us into a musical world full of nuances, colours and timbres that clearly reflect his sensitivity and personality.

**Francesco Venerucci: Indian Summer****AFMCD 314 / 8032050024349 / label: Alfa Music / format: CD / Italy – Jazz**

Venerucci's compositions systematically maintain a privileged link with formal elegance, they are smooth, calibrated and flowing, but arise from a refined harmonic complexity that is never banal, in which the sonorous nuances and chromaticisms dilate the spectrum of jazz, enriching it with multiple essences, without ever derailing towards other systems or finite metalanguages. [Listen.](#)

**Maurizio Giammarco Quintet: Bliss Vol. 1****MPRCD 180 / 8052141491768 / label: Parco della Musica / format: CD / Italy – Jazz**

Bliss seemed to be an excellent title for this work: a work that has produced music for two disks. Obviously, the title is intended to convey the personal satisfaction as regards the outcome, but the choice of title also derives from other factors. At this point, they hope that a little bliss will also reach the listener, provided they have the inclination to tune in with the required dose of relaxation! [Listen.](#)

**Gianluigi Trovesi & Paola Damiani & Ettore Fioravanti: Old And New Dances****MPRCD 182 / 8052141491799 / label: Parco della Musica / format: CD / Italy – Jazz**

This historic trio has created the new project "Old And New Dances" produced by the Fondazione Musica per Roma, for which it also recorded a forthcoming album with Parco della Musica Records. The repertoire draws on the group's historical pieces signed by Trovesi, while new compositions by the three soloists draw new scenarios, based on interplay and a sense of risk, new poetic landscapes.

**Darryl Yokley: Un Mundo En Soledad (out on December 13th, 2024)****TRRC 81 / 0714651954130 / label: Truth Revolution Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

This highly anticipated release sees the artist changing its sonic soundscape once again. Un Mundo en Soledad pays homage to the famed Colombian author, Gabriel Garcia Marquez and what is his most acclaimed work, Cien Anos de Soledad (100 Years of Solitude). Joined by world renowned percussionist Little Johnny Rivero and the narration is done by Alfonso Cayon. [Listen.](#)

**Los Pleneros De La 21: Por La Plena Y Otros Asuntos (out on December 13th, 2024)****TRRC 74 / 0714651954123 / label: Truth Revolution Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

New Yorks foremost ambassadors of Bomba and Plena music, praised for "their enthusiasm, showmanship, and command of the genres" (New York Times), proudly announce the release of their latest album, Por la Plena...y otros asuntos (For the Plena, and other matters).

**Nikita Rafaelov: Hart Does What Hart Wants****ECD 2024233 / 1988450428482 / label: Eclipse Music / format: CD / Finland – Jazz-Crossover****ELP 202469 / 1985882402984 / label: Eclipse Music / format: LP / Finland – Jazz-Crossover**

The music on the Heart Does What Heart Wants draws influences from modern jazz, ambient, new age, and lo-fi hip-hop, while stretching and taking these genres into uncharted territories. Each composition by Rafaelov is like its own little universe, a story that evolves and develops very subtly and organically.

**Into Koponen: Peace****IK 2 / 1986577712272 / label: Eclipse Music / format: CD / Finland – Jazz-Fusion**Koponen is an original and style-conscious musician at home with blues, rock, country and jazz. During his career as a player, he has performed in bands of leading Finnish artists both in Finland and abroad. Koponen's fusion-style compositions combine modern jazz harmony with expressive and dynamic blues-style guitar playing. [Listen.](#)**Jere Valkonen: Viimeista Kerta****ECD 2024228 / 1983916861530 / label: Eclipse Music / format: CD / Finland – Pop-Rock**Jere Valkonen is an original singer-songwriter whose music ranges from intimate folk tunes to symphonic art rock. At the heart of the songs are beautiful melodies, Valkonen's enchanting singing voice and lyrics that reach out to other worlds. [Listen.](#)**Mike Majkowski: August****GRAMCD 2419 / 5050580833722 / label: Gusstaff Records / format: CD / Poland – Avantgarde**

August & November are two albums by Mike Majkowski. One acoustic and one electronic, both with their own distinctive atmosphere. Each album contains pieces which are closely linked in terms of approach and structure. The titles of the two albums refer to the cover art, by Lukasz Rychlicki. Two photos taken from the same place at different times. One in August, and one in November.

**Mike Maikowski: November****GRAMCD 2420 / 5050580833746 / label: Gusstaff Records / format: CD / Poland – Avantgarde**

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