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## NIEUWE RELEASES NR. 23 – 2024



### VKB: Crooked Little Heart

JARO 4372 / 4006180437229 / label: JARO / format: CD / USA – Blues

VKB's album "Crooked Little Heart" continues the story of the groups exclusive relationship with the songs of Tom Waits. They redefine the Tom Waits songbook with love, bringing a unique female perspective to the rough and rugged wreckage. The mythic, roguish male archetypes are transformed, their beauty and vulnerability revealed. Meldoiias burst forth and shine like polished diamonds, no longer in the rough. [Listen.](#)



### Kavita Shah: Cape Vedian Blues (out on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025)

FOLKCD 1 / 0860010636305 / label: Folkalist Records / format: CD / Cabo Verde – Popular

FOLKLP 1 / 0860010636336 / label: Folkalist Records / format: LP / Cabo Verde – Popular

For the past seven years, acclaimed jazz vocalist Kavita Shah has been busy on the Atlantic island of Sao Vicente, immersing in the traditional mornas and coladeiras of her idol and global music legend Cesaria Evora. Shah has teamed up with Evoras longtime bandmates-including Bau. [Listen.](#)



### Juana Luna: Canciones en Blanco Y Negro (out on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025)

Folkcd 3 / 0860010636329 / label: Folkalist Records / format: CD / Argentina – Folk

On Canciones en Blanco y Negro (Songs in Black and White) Juana Luna leans into her vagabond ways and pays homage to her ancestral wanderers. By weaving together a carefully curated selection of familiar Argentinian folk tunes with her own folk-inspired originals, Luna draws a powerful connection between the visions of her elders and her own dreams. [Listen.](#)



### Badieh: Badieh II

WWWCD 22 / 0767461946789 / label: Worlds Within Worlds / format: CD / Afghanistan – Trad.

Badiehs new release continues their exploration of the music of Greater Khorasan. Through their arrangements of traditional folk songs from both sides of the Afghan-Iranian border, the group are able to showcase the beauty and power of the region, conjuring the vast landscapes of the steppe, the refined beauty of ancient Herat, and the enduring cultural legacy of Torbat-e-Jam. [Listen.](#)



### Various: Afghan Music In Exile – Mashad 2022

WWWCD 20 / 0767461946796 / label: Worlds Within Worlds / format: CD / Afghanistan – Trad.

Recorded in Mashhad, Iran in May 2022, this album captures the talent and suspenseful expression of classical and folk Afghan musicians living in exile - to create art in Afghanistan would have invited attacks, arrest, torture or worse at the hands of the Taliban. This project works with the Afghan community in Iran to create a snapshot in time - a historical marker for future generations to reflect on. [Listen.](#)



### Josh Feinberg: Time Does Not Exist For Light

WWWCD 5 / 0767461946833 / label: Worlds Within Worlds / format: CD / India – Classical

Praised as a master of his craft, Feinbergs ability with the sitar has been described as sensitive, yet controlled - one of the many reasons he is seen as one of the most unique and dynamic sitarists currently performing. His background is the Maihar Gharana school, one of the major instrumental schools of playing in North Indian classical music featuring musicians like Ravi Shankar, Ustad Ali Akbar Khan and Nikhil Banerjee. [Listen.](#)



### Al Andaluz Project: The Songs Of Iman Kandoussi

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.](#)



### Markku Lepisto: Duos feat. Riccardo Tesi and others

RAPU 8 / 0788364743930 / label: Rapusaari Records / format: CD / Varoius – 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 Aburruzaga (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.](#)



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**Gao Hong & Zhao Xiaoxia: Prelude To The Devine Realm (out on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025)****NXW 76178 / 0636943717820 / label: Naxos World / format: CD / China – Traditional**

Pipa master Gao Hong and guqin virtuoso Zhao Xiaoxia revisit some of Chinas 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.



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**HK: Danser Encore, Le Live****EDPCD 5 / 3760063732276 / label: Irfan / format: CD / France – Popular**

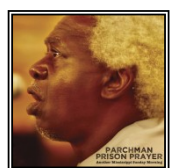
Danser encore is the story of a song that has travelled the length and breadth of France and beyond; a contagious melody, a joyful irreverence, an irrepressible desire to meet again, to sow and to love, to smile and to dance... Together! Danser encore is also the name of a tour all over France in 2023.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



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**Broes: Belgica (out on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025)****2025001 / 5419999111539 / own label / format: CD / Belgium – Popular**

In 1897 the vessel 'Belgica' sailed from Antwerp through the tumultuous waters of seas and oceans, passing exotic places such as Rio de Janeiro, Madeira, and Montevideo. In 1898, the Belgica reached the northernmost part of the Arctic Peninsula. Unfortunately, they became trapped in the ice in Antarctica, forcing them to winter there for 15 months. In this fascinating story, Broes drew inspiration for the new album. [Listen.](#)



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**Various: Parchman Prison Prayer – Another Mississippi Sunday Morning (out on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025)****GBCD 164 / 4030433616420 / LABEL: Glitterbeat Records / format: CD / USA – Gospel**

Another Mississippi Sunday Morning is the poignant sequel to Some Mississippi Sunday Morning (2023), the prison-recorded gospel album that was met with unexpected global acclaim. In early 2024 Grammy-winning producer Ian Brennan returned to the Parchman Farm maximum security facility in Mississippi to record a second collection of raw, haunting performances from the prison's Sunday gospel service. [Listen.](#)



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**Brutal Riddim: Brutal Riddim****V001 29 / 3666946007342 / label: Ouch! Records / format: LP / France –Punk-Rock**

Instro punkore! With just four hands, Brutal Riddim makes noise for ten. Nobody sings, but the music screams! A new noise rock creation from the former Bass Elevator with Tony Gremmie on guitar (Beach Moonsters) and Kptn Planet aka Philippe Pipon Garcia, precursor of breakz'n'bass, on drums and samples. 15 tracks as short as they are hard-hitting.



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**No Suicide Act: Interbellum****V001 28 / 3666946006154 / label: Ouch! Records / format: LP / France – Punk-Rock**

No Suicide Act (NSA) is the duo formed by FanXoa and Madsaxx. Initially based on a deconstruction of Berurier Noir tracks, the duo quickly evolved into an original music, combining punk rock, free jazz, no wave and baritone electro. Interbellum sounds like a warning, an insurrectionary charge to link our consciences, to pay for a thousand miseries, to stop our immense damage, to give meaning back to our fragile lives... [Listen.](#)



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**Darryl Yokley: Un Mundo En Soledad****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.](#)



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**Los Pleneros De La 21: Por La Plena Y Otros Asuntos****TRRC 74 / 0714651954123 / label: Truth Revolution Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

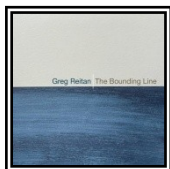
New Yorks foremost ambassadors of Bomba and Plena music, praised for "their enthusiasm, showmanship, and command of the genres" (New York Times), proudly announce the release of their latest album, Por la Plena...y otros asuntos (For the Plena, and other matters).



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**Nenad Vasilic: Solo Live****GMV 137 / 4250095887253 / label: Galileo Music / format CD / Serbia – Jazz****GMVLP 137 / 4250095887260 / label: Galileo Music / format: LP / Serbia – Jazz**

With Solo Live, Nenad Vasilic presents his fifteenth album. Alone on the double bass, the double bassist and composer moves between irregular rhythms, straightforward funk beats and music from the southern Balkans. The constant alternation of percussive and traditional playing techniques creates a captivating live performance



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**Greg Reitan: The Bounding Line****SSC 1740 / 0016728174022 / label: Sunnyside Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

Reitan has made a name for himself as a brilliant pianist and composer, writing and arranging for his trio and for film and television. The energy he spent was directed in the composing of works for his new album, The Bounding Line, a recording that finds Reitan and his trio honing a clear vision of their artistry, as William Blake would fully appreciate. [Listen.](#)



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**Leo Genovese: Estrellero 2****SSC 1747 / 0016728174725 / label: Sunnyside Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

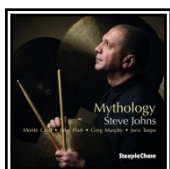
The musicians realize how lucky they are to be able to come together and pursue music making in an environment where they are all welcome, appreciated, and needed. The freedom to express their feelings allow them to bring their full selves to the music. The magic that they created was captured on June 6, 2023, at the Estudio Cara OJM in Porto.



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**JBBG – Jazz Bigband Graz: Fruits Of Passion & Sorrow****NAT 476272 / 4250095887369 / label: Natango Music / format: CD / Austria – Jazz**

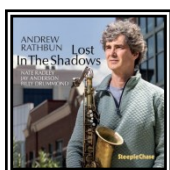
Once again, it is a small-format production, the quintet JBBG - Smal. And with the Armenian percussionist Arto Tunboyacyan, who is also known for his collaboration with Joe Zawinul and Mike Stern, and the German guitarist Hanno Busch, who became famous through pop artists Jan Delay and the band Heavytones (TV Total), international guests are once again on board to help shape the sound of the production. [Listen.](#)



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**Steve Johns: Mythology (out on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025)****SCCD 31971 / 0716043197125 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

Drummer/composer/educator Steve Johns moved to New York after graduating from the New England Conservatory of Music in 1982. While still a student, he won the Outstanding Drummer Award at the Notre Dame Collegiate Jazz Festival. His musical career then took off performing with a barrage of luminaries of the world jazz scene.



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**Andrew Rathbun: Lost In The Shadow (out on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025)****SCCD 31968 / 0716043196821 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / Canada – Jazz**

Rathbun is not the one who confines himself in the ivory tower but has been active in performing and recording in New York and internationally. He presents here his 10 th leader album on SteepleChase. All but two titles were penned by the leader having guitar (played by Nate Radley) as featured instrument creating as always intellectual and at the same time thoroughly emotionally moving music.



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**Kirk Knuffke: Super Blonde (out on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025)****G 1964 / 0716043196418 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: LP / USA – Jazz**

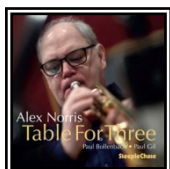
"Colorful, witty, unpredictable, inventive and swinging" is what jazz critic Scott Yanow observes of cornetist/composer Knuffke. He created here an astoundingly musical sounding board by the two phenomenal double bass players: SteepleChase stalwart Jay Anderson (left channel) and Swedish born Thommy Andersson (right channel). [Listen.](#)



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**Anthony Ferrara: Factory Fresh (out on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025)****SCCD 31975 / 0716043197521 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

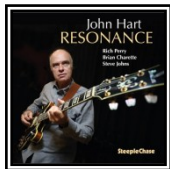
Anthony Ferrara for his third album here teams up again with the dream rhythm section of Versace/Anderson/Drummond. Ron McClure who was one of Ferraras teachers at NYU once commented on this group, "This is a four-way conversation between four men who have a mutual respect of the process of making music, always cognitive of the group effort.



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**Alex Norris: Table For Three (out on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025)****SCCD 31974 / 0716043197422 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

Alex Norris has been one of the most sought-after elite trumpeters for the past three decades on NY scene. He has kept busy schedule performing principal post in renowned large and small ensembles all over the world. Norris forms a time-tested yet distinctive trumpet trio with some contemporary twists superbly collaborated by Paul Bollenbach on guitar and Paul Gill on bass.



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**John Hart: Resonance (out on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025)****G 1948 / 0716043194810 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: LP / USA – Jazz**

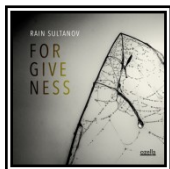
John Harts collaboration with SteepleChase started in 2016 with sideman role on the late alto sax Andy Fuscus Turmoil (SCCD 31843). The guitarist/composer/educator Hart since has kept releasing a barrage of highly acclaimed leader albums. On this his fifth outing he has assembled an impeccable quartet featuring Rich Perry on tenor and Brian Charette on B-3. [Listen.](#)



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**Magne Thormodsaeter: L'Arte Della Persuasione****OZCD 104 / 4038952001048 / label: Ozella Music / format: CD / Norway – Jazz**

Magne Thormodsaeter is an ECM alumni, bassist, and in demand session musician. On L'arte della persuasione, he fuses two worlds with the full force of a beautiful blow. A 35 minute story told in five acts, it pits a high caliber classical ensemble against a jazz group. The result is captivantly unclassifiable. [Listen.](#)



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**Rain Sultanov: Forgiveness****OZCD 108 / 4038952001086 / label: Ozella Music / format: CD / Azerbaijan – Jazz****OZLP 1108 / 4038952011085 / label: Ozella Music / format: LP / Azerbaijan – Jazz**

On his new album Rain Sultanov is confronting anger by writing some of the most heavenly music of his career. Soprano saxophone, organ, cello, this unusual instrumentation is at the heart of these nine floating, deeply moving compositions. [Listen.](#)

**Oddgeir Berg Trio: A Place Called Home****OZCD 109 / 4038952001093 / label: Ozella Music / format: CD / Norway – Jazz****OZLP 1109 / 4038952011092 / label: Ozella Music / format: LP / Norway – Jazz**

The music was written with a new trio line up and during a period of personal turmoil, including a cancer diagnosis for Berg's mother, and the worries which accompanied her treatment. As one would expect, the music feels intimate and pastoral, mostly slower paced and introspective. [Listen.](#)

**Roger Rota & Luca Brembilla: African Market****C 950 / 0746160917948 / label: Da Vinci Jazz / format: CD / Italy – Jazz**

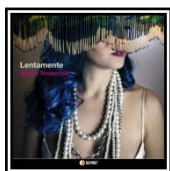
A kaleidoscope of sounds drawing inspiration in the colorful African continent. The music of Abdullah Ibrahim guides a journey through a market in which the tradition of African jazz meets and melts with sounds coming from the Middle East and Spain. [Listen.](#)

**Enzo Pietropaoli & Adriano Viterbini: Gorgo****MPCD 183 / 8052141491867 / label: Parco della Musica / format: CD / Italy – Jazz**

Enzo Pietropaoli has performed and recorded with many significant musicians, such as Chet Baker, Art Farmer, Kenny Wheeler, Lee Konitz, Gabriele Mirabassi, Archie Shepp, Phil Woods, Mark Turner, Curtis Fuller, Jimmy Knepper, Dino Piana, Toots Thielemans, Richard Galliano, Enrico Pieranunzi, John Scofield, Ginger Baker, Han Bennink, Kenny Clarke, Billy Cobham, Gianmaria Testa and many others. [Listen.](#)

**Gerardo Iacoucco & Paola Massero: Stubborn****AFMCD 310 / 8032050024233 / label Alfa Music / format: CD / Italy – Jazz**

The album that marks a new stage in the long and intense collaboration between the pianist-composer-arranger Gerardo Iacoucci and the singer-songwriter-performer Paola Massero is entitled "Stubborn". The album features nine original songs with seven lyrics in English and one in French. Massero's contribution is fundamental because the word has a notable centrality in "Stubborn". [Listen.](#)

**Simona Trentacoste: Lentamente****AFMCD 313 / 8032050024301 / label: Alfa Music / format: CD / Italy – Jazz**

This recording work includes ten unreleased tracks and a cover that tell stories of life lived with a photographic approach, almost as if each song were a scene captured in slow motion, allowing the listener to grasp the fullness of the details that can penetrate deeply into the soul. "Lentamente" is not a collection of slow songs but slow is the approach with which it should be listened to. [Listen.](#)

**Marika Pontegavelli: Crazy Jungle****AFPCD 237 / 8032050024363 / label: Alfa Music / format: CD / Italy – Jazz**

This album represents the musicians first solo work; a synthesis, as well as a starting point, of her last fifteen years as a musician. Its not just jazz, its not just rock, and its not just pop: this album is true to itself, changeable, shimmering, and above all, sincere. Music is the authentic communication of what you see and feel: the intention of this album is to tell this exciting existence, restless, not eternal. [Listen.](#)

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