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NEW RELEASES NO. 15 - 2022

Cimarron: La Recia

CCD 2022 / 0198003653757 / label: Cimarron Music / format: CD / Colombia - Folk

The joropo group Cimarron released their new album, 'La Recia'. It is a musical manifesto that shakes up the concept of folklore, based on the original and spiritual sounds of the Orinoquía region, but with the innovative proposal that has characterized the band throughout its 22-year artistic career. The group, nominated for the Anglo and Latin Grammys, presents its fourth studio record production, impregnated with a profound vision of the roots of the Orinoquía region, to give another dimension to folklore. After their previous album 'Orinoco', Cimarron turns to reintroduce sounds that have been left out of the musical identity of the region. Listen to a track.



Cimarron: Orinoco

CCD 2019 / 0659525503048 / label: Cimarron Music / format: CD / Colombia - Folk

On the album 'Orinoco', Cimarron presents bold, straightforward folk music that brings together the indigenous, African, and European influences that have largely shaped the aesthetics of natively South American traditions like joropo and llanero. The ensemble's technique and arrangements are impeccable, but what sets them apart on Orinoco is a sense of embodiment that translates surprisingly well from the Grammynominated group's live shows to their recordings. It almost feels like a live album, so responsive are the various members to each other's cues. The percussion section features not only instruments from Colombia and its neighbors – maracas, cajon, surdo, and tambora – but stomp dancing, driven forth by the perpetually moving strings of the harp, bass, and guitar-like cuatro. Listen.



Agnes Herczku: Hozomany Magyarvista

FA 4852 / 5998048548521 / label: Fono / format: 2CD / Hungary - Folk

Agnes Herczku is a monumental figure of Hungarian folk music and world music, even though she is one of those performers who had never worked towards a career on stage. She began learning music at the age of seven, later on danced and learned folk dance as well. Her professional career as a singer started in 1996 parallel to dancing in the Honved Dance Company. Her natural ability to bring to life tunes of different genres speedily elevated her to be one of the 'best of the best' among Hungarian ethno-contemporary singers. She has been active as a singer since 1998 in different formations, and became the soloist of the Hungarian State Folk Ensemble in 2002. Her voice can be heard on a large number of Hungarian and foreign productions and albums. Listen to a track.



Borbely Mihaly Polygon: Enchantment

FA 4922 / 5998048549221 / label: Fono / format: CD / Hundary - Folk

The atmosphere and music of their second album is more in-depth and philosophical than that of their previous one. It is at once thoughtful and conscious while incredibly free. Over the years an almost magical (emotional and musical) empathy has evolved between the musicians. In that blessed, creative climate it was easy to pour a time perpective into sound that is sometimes determined by thousands of years old musical tradition and inspiration, other times by the intonation of the old-old instruments, while on the other side stands 21st century man for whom they formulate their thoughts. <u>Listen.</u>



Anna Soregi: Poems From Szek

FA 4842 / € 5998048548422 / label: Fono / format: 60 page book + CD / Hungary - Folk

Anna Soregi's album is an essential condensation of the ideas, on the one hand, it touches on all important subjects of Szek music and culture in its editorial arc, shedding light on all corners, yet the album as a whole is reassuringly round and unified. Nothing of the sweet and heavy fullness of life is withheld: the awakening love and the trust that comes with it - much of the overwhelming energy of folk music stems precisely from the fact that many songs and string music are linked to the choice of a couple - and then the flavours of everyday life, the beauties, the trials and tribulations and the sometimes inevitable tragedies are lined up and brought together. And if, at the end, we still find no joy or solace, first and foremost in our humanity, because this luscious album, which explores the many facets of existence, can clearly help us to do that, then we should really look elsewhere. Listen to a track.



Bori Fekete: Szeress, Ha Kedves Az Eletem!

FA 4862 / 5998048548620 / label: Fono / format: CD / Hungary - Folk

It has been a long-standing dream of Bori Fekete to stage some of the gems of Attila Jozsef's love poetry with prose interludes. There have been several biographical performances, musicals and monodramas about the poet, but the subject is inexhaustible. Poems, folk music and world music are close to Bori's heart. A combination of this forms the framework of the production, which focuses on Attila Jozsef's relationship with women. Folk songs, alongside poems and excerpts from letters, present Attila Jozsef's defining loves. The starting point - and the most important female character - is the mother. The events then follow in chronological order, and as the poet's life became more and more tormented, the music follows the dramatic process. Listen.



Mark Mulholland: Revolutions Go In Circles (release August 26th, 2022)

POCMCD 2201 / 3760061299290 / label: Cannery Row Records / format: CD / Scotland – Fusion POCMLP 2201 / 0749350314183 / label: Cannery Row Records / format: LP / Scotland-Fusion

The 3rd album by Scottish singer-songwriter Mark Mulholland, ranging from breezy pop-rock, Celtic folk and jazz to reggae and psychedelic afro-beat, while always retaining the distinctive style that makes Mulholland's songwriting unique. Recorded in Bamako, Paris, Berlin and New York, it features collaborations with many of the musicians he has worked with in recent years, including the late Tony Allen, Toumani Diabate, Yacouba SIssoko, Vincent Bucher, Sean Condron, Pamela Badjogo & Baba MD. The resulting blend of rock, blues, jazz, psychedelia, Celtic folk and Afro-Manding styles – and elements of reggae, Afrobeat and the raw energy of punk – is woven seamlessly into Revolutions Go In Circles. Listen.



Yanna Momina: Afar Ways (release August 26th, 2022)

GBCD 131 / 4030433613122 / label: Glitterbeat Records / format: CD / Horn Of Africa - Popular

Yanna Momina's Afar Ways was recorded live in a stilt-hut on the horn of Africa when Grammy-winning producer & author, Ian Brennan visited Djibouti in the spring of 2018. The album is beautifully focused around Momina's resonant vocals and the sparest of musical backings (acoustic guitar, handclaps, calabash). It is the 10th release in Glitterbeat's acclaimed 'Hidden Musics' series. Music is not something the rural Afar people "do for show," Momina asserted, it is done for their own amusement at night. As Yanna Momina and Brennan recorded, the tide came in and they ended-up surrounded by water. Throughout the album, the thatch hut audibly creaks and rocks in the waves. Born in 1948, Yanna was discovered while accompanied on a two-string shingle played with nails and a matchbox for maracas. She made a name in the region not just for her thrilling vibrato, but for being the rare Afar woman who writes her own songs. Teaser.



Catherine Graindorge feat. Iggy Pop: The Dictator (release September 9th, 2022) GBEP 136 / 4030433613610 / label: Glitterbeat Records / format 12" / Belgium-USA – Popular

It all began with the radio. A pair of songs that triggered a collaboration between Belgian violinist and composer Catherine Graindorge and the iconic Iggy Pop. Together, they've forged a meeting of minds and spirits that's resulted in the The Dictator, an EP that combines their talents: her music, his voice. The 4-song EP The Dictator is marked by Catherine's haunting string and electronic textures and Iggy's baritone, cautionary tales. Both lyrically and musically, it is a deep dive into the heart of these unsettled times, a thrilling collaboration between the acclaimed Belgian composer/instrumentalist Catherine Graindorge (Nick Cave, John Parish) and the ever-iconic Iggy Pop.



Al-Qasar: Who Are We? (release September 16th, 2022)

GBCD 130 / 4030433613023 / label: Glitterbeat Records / format: CD / France – Arabian GBLP 130 / 4030433613016 / label: Glitterbeat Records / format: LP / France – Arabian

Middle Eastern psych-rock collective Al-Qasar's debut album is an explosive mix of heavy Arabian grooves, global psychedelia and North African trance music. The band calls it "Arabian fuzz." Brazenly electric yet deeply connected to their roots, guests include Lee Ranaldo (Sonic Youth), Jello Biafra (Dead Kennedys) and Alsarah (Alsarah & The Nubatones). Mixed by Alain Johannes (Queens of the Stone Age, PJ Harvey). When continents collide, they make a thunderous sound. Al-Qasar create the soundtrack to that fission on their full-length debut, Who Are We? It is music for a world in flux, with its ancestors deep in the past, but something that could only have been born in the 21st century. Arabian fuzz, they term it, a vision that's brazenly electric and deeply connected to its roots. Listen.



Marc Berthoumieux: Les Choses De La Vie - Live

SLV 7 / 3760288801764 / label: Absilone / format: CD / France – Jazz

Marc Berthoumieux presents his seventh album, it is also his second Live album. This concert recorded in complete intimacy marks a stage with his longtime friends Giovanni Mirabassi and Laurent Vernerey. For the accordionist, the trio is the formation where freedom of expression is best affirmed. Listening and relating to others are balanced with the greatest harmony. This complicity touches him as a musician but also as a human being. A concert not to be missed Marc Berthoumieux's latest album with his long-time accomplices, Giovanni Mirabassi on piano and Laurent Vernerey on bass. A little nostalgia, love, talent... This is what you will have throughout this album. Listen to a track.



Szorstkie: Szorstkie (release September 9th, 2022)

GRAMCD 2208 / 5050580789173 / label: Gusstaff Records / format: CD / Poland - Avantgarde

Szorstkie (rough/harsh) moves in the areas of experimental music and avant-garde. The compositions are largely based on improvisations, variations and the creation of various noisy sounds. The band Szorstkie was born during the difficult times of the 2020 pandemic. It is composed of: Robert Kafel (Lewe Lokcie), Kamil Klama (Beukot), Michał Klama (Plen, Pi). The material for the debut album was recorded in the studio Trzaski, between Czestochowa and the forest. In the fumes of smoke and accompanied by barking dogs. It's consuming music. It's life owl music, when you are home alone and looking for yourself at the easel and incense with the scent of opium is burning in the background.



Dead Cat In A Bag: We've Been Through (release September 16th, 2022) GRAMCD 2209 / 5050580789548 / label: Gusstaff Records / format: CD / Italy - Folk-Fusion

Do you know it? Ennio Morricone, Nick Cave, Mark Lanegan, Tom Waits and Zach Condon walk into the bar, and there are all the seats occupied by the Dead Cat In A Bag musicians. Really. Yes! Dead Cat In A Bag is back! They are back with a new album "We've Been Through". After exploring several so called Neo-Folk regions, flirting with Folk Noir, mostly with Traditional Folk in a modern perspective, for example Americana to Tex-Mex and Balkan Music to Alternative Country, on this third record the ensemble drifts to a cinematic landscape, focusing on the theme of overcoming. "We've Been Through" puts together World Music elements incorporating an almost soundtrack experience for a journey into both Day and Night, Hope and Disillusionment and telling stories of broken romances and shipwrecks. Listen to a track.



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