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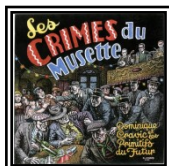
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## XANGO MUSIC NEWSLETTER #6 – 2026



**Les Primitifs Du Futur: Les Crimes Du Musette**

**BUDA 860408 / 3341348604084 / label: Buda Musique / format: CD / France – Musette**

The repertoire in this jubilant work draws upon new sources. One track evokes Chet Baker, another is a salute to Henri Salvador, not forgetting a tribute to the piano bars of grand hotels and a piece in the form of an African postcard. Of particular note are two delightful adaptations, in French no less: Smoke Gets In Your Eyes, which brings to mind Django Reinhardt, and Paul Desmond's Take Five.



**Balkan Taksim: Acide Balkanique (Coloured Recycled Vinyl)**

**BUDA 260330 / 3341342603304 / label: Buda Musique / format: LP / Romania – Balkan**

Acide Balkanique is the second album by the Romanian band Balkan Taksim. Constantly questioning their obsession with the Balkans, this almost mythical place, a region that faced a lot of pain, but also gave so much beauty to the world, the band continues a musical journey that covers both real and imaginary areas. Some of the tracks are purely instrumental and others are sung in Romanian and in Serbo-Croatian. [Listen.](#)



**Warmoes: De Binnenbuiten**

**TRADCD 45 / 6096428955927 / label: Trad Records / format: CD / Belgium – Folk**

Warmoes is a young instrumental folk band with roots in the Flemish Brabant, Belgium. With their unique line-up of accordion, tenor sax/low whistle, piano/bouzouki, bass and drums, they blend influences from jazz, pop and funk to create a distinctive sound of their own. A journey through a variety of musical landscapes: a crisp winter walk, a hot cup of tea on the couch, an adventurous bike ride, a cozy jam session in a bar...



**Faraualla: Culla E Tempesta**

**ZNNLP 5 / 0806812447275 / label: Zero Nove Nove / format: LP / Italy – Popular**

The voices of this quartet, which have accompanied us on unforgettable journeys for three decades now, emerge once again from the sea, swimming among the vocal expressions of different ethnic groups and historical eras. For Faraualla each composition has an atmosphere that fascinates, or an image or certain feeling as its starting point and inspiration, which the expressive immediacy of the voice portrays. [Listen.](#)



**Hugo Race + Fatalists: I made It All Up For You**

**GRAMCD 2601 / 5050580866706 / label: Gusstaff Records / format: CD / Australia – Popular**

**GRAMLP 2602 / 5050580866713 / label: Gusstaff Records / format: LP / Australia – Popular**

**GRAMLIM 2602 / 5050580868342 / label: Gusstaff Records / format: LP+10" / Australia–Popular**

I Made It All Up For You is an epic album with his Italian band Fatalists - existential songwriting framed by the band's signature fusion of roots music, electronica, Italian soundtracks and desert rock. [Listen.](#)



**Etenesh Wassie Trio: Arada**

**844056 / 3760159750429 / label: Absilone / format: CD / Ethiopia – Popular**

By inviting other musicians to play on a few tracks, the trio becomes a quartet with Fabien Duscombs from Le Tigre des Platanes on drums and sometimes a quintet with Mathieu Werchowski on violin. The warmth of the double bass and the depth of the acoustic bass complement Etenesh's deep voice, while the bow also recalls the messenqo, the traditional Ethiopian single-stringed violin that accompanies all the traditional songs excels.



**BCUC: The Road Is Never Easy (street date April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026)**

**OHCD 42 / 0880918278551 / label: Out Here Records / format: CD / South Africa – Popular**

**OHLP 42 / 0880918278568 / label: Out here Records / format: LP / South Africa – Popular**

The Road Is Never Easy is BCUC's fifth album and their debut on Outhere Records. On this new offering, BCUC take listeners on another Afro-psychedelic journey into the soul of Soweto. It feels like a gospel sermon colliding with a punk concert, "guaranteed to touch untapped corners of your soul" (OkayAfrica).



**Fauna: Taiga Trans (street date: April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026)**

**GBCD 183 / 4030433618325 / label: Glitterbeat Records / format: CD / Sweden – Avantgarde**

**GBLP 183 / 4030433618318 / label: Glitterbeat Records / format: LP / Sweden – Avantgarde**

Electronic textures whoosh like solar winds. Quiet percussion sighs and chatters. A jaw harp sets up a twanging bounce. An ancient saz introduces a taut riff. Suddenly a high-strung electric guitar scorches and a deep, booming bass groove drops with a four-to-the-floor kick drum thud.



**Tamikrest: Assikel (street date: May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026)**

**GBCD 184 / 4030433618424 / label: Glitterbeat Records / format: CD / Mali – Touareg**

**GBLP 184 / 4030433618417 / label: Glitterbeat Records / format: CD / Mali – Touareg**

The iconic Saharan rock bands sixth album, Assikel, is by turns intimate, raw and deeply atmospheric. Recorded on analogue tape, with the band playing live and direct, the album fully captures their instinctive interplay and hypnotic presence. Featuring: Ibrahim Ag Alhabib (Tinariwen). [Listen.](#)



**Mariana Sadovska & Vesna: You Should Live! (Street date: April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026)**

**CPLCD 83 / 4251329500832 / label: CPL-Music / format: CD / Ukrain – Folk**

Mariana Sadovska & Vesna create an acoustic east-western road movie: a meeting of cultures in poetry and melodies, which tells of the confrontation of love and death, of despair and hope - always in search of freedom and identity. After the Russian invasion of Ukrain music felt irrelevant. After months Mariana found a poem by Olena Teliha, who was executed in the second World War. This poem became the basis of this album. [Listen.](#)



**Various: Nordic Notes #200 Great Tunes From Northern Europe**

**NN 200 / 4251329506421 / label: Nordic Notes / format: CD / Various – Folk**

Anniversary compilation is not intended as a classic retrospective, but as a snapshot of a musical universe that has grown organically over time. It brings together voices, moods and signatures that have shaped Nordic Notes for two decades - while also pointing clearly toward the future. Nordic Notes is not a closed chapter, but an ongoing dialogue between tradition and the present, between regional roots and international openness



**Elakelaiset: Humpan Kuninkaan Hovissa (street date: April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026)**

**NNLP 196 / 6429811224445 / label: Nordic Notes / format: 2LP / Finland – Popular**

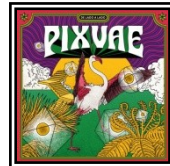
Humpan kuninkaan hovissa 1994-95 (At the Court of the King of Humpan 1994-95) was a compilation album released by Elakelaiset, featuring songs previously unreleased. The bonus track includes a sample of the band's other rehearsals, among other things. For the first time, this album by Elakelaiset is being released on vinyl. The album comes in a gatefold cover, on colored vinyl, at 45 rpm, and also includes the Humppaloly EP.



**Elakelaiset: Humppa Of Finland (street date: April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026)**

**NNLP 197 / 4251329506377 / label: Nordic Notes / format: 2LP / Finland – Popular**

On the album, the band performs humppa versions of Finnish songs originally sung in English. The album features guest appearances by the original performers of the songs, as well as many others. There are nearly 150 guest artists, each of whom plays the triangle once on the album. Finally, the album Humppa of Finland is available as a double LP. Side D includes the Humpaporraonen EP. First time on vinyl, limited to 300 copies.

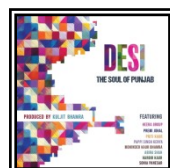


**Pixvae: De Lado A Lado (street date: April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026)**

**CIE 4024 / 3666946033099 / label: Compagnie 4000 / format: CD / France-Colombia – Fusion**

**CIE 4023 / 3666946033082 / label: Compagnie 4000 / format: LP / France-Colombia – Fusion**

The new album "De lado a lado" further deepens the Franco-Colombian combos footprint in the ever-exploring territories of neo-traditional music. These masters of hybridization continue to inject explosive substances into the currulao that catalyzed their meeting.



**Kuljit Bhamra: Desi – The Soul Of Punjab (street date: April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026)**

**EUCD 2989 / 5019396298927 / label: ARC Music / format: CD / Punjab – Popular**

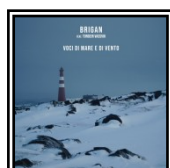
Bringing together voices from across the UK Punjabi community, award-winning composer and tabla player Kuljit Bhamra MBE unites leading British vocalists including Heera Group, Premi Johal, Abira Shah and Mohinder Kaur Bhamra with renowned lyricists such as Preet Nihal and Pappi Singh Kenya. Kuljit blends classic folk instruments with fresh contemporary production to celebrate the enduring spirit of Punjabi culture.



**Berima Amo: Rhythms Of Love (street date May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026)**

**EUCD 2982 / 5019396298224 / label: ARC Music / format: CD / Ghana – Popular**

Amsterdam-based Ghanaian trumpeter, composer and bandleader Berima Amo blends highlife, Afrobeat, traditional West African rhythms, jazz and soul into a rich, contemporary sound. Rhythms of Love is a heartfelt tribute to the music and icons that shaped his journey-exploring love, unity and cultural pride through hypnotic grooves, expressive trumpet lines and soulful melodies.



**Brigan feat. Torgeir Vassvik: Voci De Mare E Di Vento (street date: May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026)**

**LBW 16 / 0823000026388 / label: Liburia Records / format: CD / Italy – Fusion**

The new album by Brigan, "Voices of Sea and Wind" was born from a crossing-one that is not only geographical, but also sensory and human. The project emerged from the meeting between the Italian ensemble and Sami musician Torgeir Vassvik, developed during an artistic residency in the far north of Norway. Rather than attempting to explain a place,



**Anne Kalmering & Stahlhammer Klezmer Classic: Tshiribim**

**KAKACD 72 / 7320470266670 / label: kakafon Records / format: CD / Sweden – Klezmer**

Tshiribim invites you on an exciting and pleasurable journey into the world of Yiddish culture with some of Sweden's most prominent klezmer musicians. Anne Kalmering & Stahlhammer Klezmer Classic are leading mediators and bearers of the Jewish cultural heritage and innovative artists with roots in folk music and Jewish theater tradition. They now release the new album with fastpaced and atmospheric music for all ages.



**Fia Ekberg: Fageln Du Broderat Bla**

**KAKACD 66 / 7320470277355 / label: Kakafon Records / format: CD / Sweden – Popular**

The album explores the big questions – life, ageing, death and human relationships. It is at times melancholic, but never pitch-black. The lyrics are, as always, raw and intimate, but here they are at times enveloped in new, expansive soundscapes. Intuitive string arrangements and a more expansive sound, each song has been given its own musical identity. The guitar remains, grounded, but the sonic landscape has opened up. [Listen](#).

**Now also available:**



**Niclas Abrahamsson: Pojken I Vindstrappan**

**KAKACD 74 / 7320470277362 / label: Kakafon Records / format: CD / Sweden – Popular**

**Karl Heldal: Trost I Morketid**

**KAKACD 71 / 7320470266694 / label: Kakafon Records / format: CD / Sweden – Popular**



**Woodlands Backafall: Traditional Colours**

**KAKACD 69 / 7320470266656 / label: Kakafon Records / format: CD / Sweden – Folk**

**KAKALP 13 / 7320470266700 / label: Kakafon Records / format: LP / Sweden – Folk**

**Klara Ahlersten & Harald Svensson: Mitt Liv**

**KAKACD 68 / 7320470266649 / label: Kakafon Records / format: CD / Sweden – Popular**



**Claes Pihl: Medan Viskan Rinner**

**KAKACD 65 / 7320470266632 / label: Kakafon Records / format: CD / Sweden – Popular**

**Annika Hammer: Till Att Saga Hennes Namn**

**KAKACD 63 / 7320470266717 / label: Kakafon Records / format: CD / Sweden – Folk**

**KAKALP 12 / 7320470266618 / label: Kakafon Records / format: LP / Sweden – Folk**



**Dina Grundberg: Otackt Overkanslig**

**KAKACD 62 / 7320470266595 / label: Kakafon Records / format: CD / Sweden – Popular**

**KAKALP 11 / 7320470266601 / label: Kakafon Records / format: LP / Sweden – Popular**

**Emma & Ellika: Vader**

**KAKACD 61 / 7320470253595 / label: Kakafon Records / format: CD / Sweden – Folk**



**Dan Berglund: Liv Och Dikt**

**KAKACD 60 / 7320470266571 / label: Kakafon Records / format: CD / Sweden – Folk**

**KAKALP 10 / 7320470266588 / label: kakafon Records / format: LP / Sweden – Folk**

**Niclas Abrahamsson: Latar I Livets Narhet**

**KAKACD 59 / 7320470266533 / label Kakafon Records / format: CD / Sweden – Popular**



**GAO: Sound Of Goteborg**

**KAKACD 64 / 7320470266625 / label: Kakafon Records / format: CD / Sweden – Fusion**

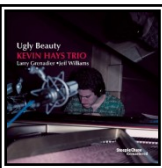
**Axel Sonden & Flyttfaglarna: Plaster**

**KAKACD 70 / 7320470266687 / label: Kakafon Records / format: CD / Sweden – Popular**



**Dan Hellstrom & Naturligt-Vis: Kalhuvvet, Pop-Arne Och Vadaren**

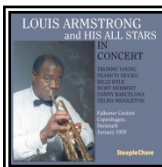
**KAKACD 73 / 7320470277379 / label: Kakafon Records / format: CD / Sweden - Jazz**



**Kevin Hays: Ugly Beauty**

**G 1297 / 0716043129713 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: LP / USA – Jazz**

Recorded with bassist Larry Grenadier and drummer Jeff Williams, the album marked Hayss first trio outing—an ensemble format that would become central to his artistic identity. The program blends jazz standards with Hayss original The Well, showcasing his lyrical touch, harmonic depth, and rhythmic drive. The session captures Hayss youthful brilliance while foreshadowing the maturity and originality that define his later work.



**Louis Armstrong And His All Stars: In Concert Falkoner Centret 1959 (street date: April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026)**

**SCCD 36513 / 0716043651320 / label SteepleChase Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

Experience Louis Armstrong at the height of his powers with this definitive 1959 Copenhagen concert, captured just months before his life-changing heart attack. Drawn from famed Falkoner Centers "In Concert" tapes, showcases Armstrongs All Stars in explosive form-fiery "Tiger Rag," soulful "Basin Street Blues," and joyous favorites like "Mack the Knife" and "When the Saints Go Marching In."



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**Dick Sisto & Fred Hersch: Love Grows Deep (street date: April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026)****SCCD 34001 / 0716043400126 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

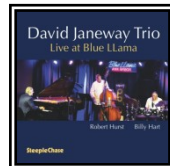
"Love Grows Deep" reunites vibraphonist Dick Sisto and pianist Fred Hersch in a luminous duo setting. Sisto - a deeply melodic player shaped by Chicagos golden-age jazz scene and decades of artistic life in Louisville - finds an ideal partner in Hersch, whose lyricism and harmonic imagination have made him one of modern jazzs most celebrated pianists.



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**George Colligan: Activism (street date: April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026)****G 1382 / 0716043138210 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: LP / USA – Jazz**

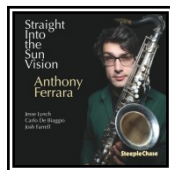
At just 25, Colligan emerged as one of New Yorks most in-demand pianists, and this trio recording captures the full force of that promise. Joined by bassist Dwayne Burno and drummer Ralph Peterson, he approaches works by Wayne Shorter, Duke Pearson, Horace Silver, Thelonious Monk, Fats Waller, and Freddie Hubbard with the assurance of a seasoned bandleader. [Listen.](#)



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**David Janeway Trio: Live At Blue Llama (street date: May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026)****SCCD 34003 / 0716043400324 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

Captured live at Ann Arbor, Michigans renowned jazz club Blue LLama in June 2024, David Janeway presents himself at the height of his powers, joined by the world-class rhythm team of Robert Hurst III and Billy Hart. A Detroit-bred musician with a deep lineage in that citys storied jazz tradition, Janeway channels decades of mentorship, swing, and blues-rooted expression into both powerfully modern and historically grounded. [Listen.](#)



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**Anthony Ferrara: Straight Into The Sun Vision (street date: May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026)****SCCD 34005 / 0716043400522 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

Anthony Ferraras fourth SteepleChase release, Straight Into The Sun Vision, marks a striking new chapter for the rising tenor saxophonist. After three acclaimed albums with his "dream team" veteran rhythm section, Ferrara now leads a working quartet of peers whose shared history brings a fresh cohesion to his music. In a familiar group of contemporaries the performances took to a newly open personal level of expression.



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**Dexter Gordon: Stable Mable (street date: May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026)****G 1040 / 0716043104017 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: LP / USA – Jazz**

A no-frills blowing date where Gordons imagination, authority, and melodic wit shine without disguise. Joined by Horace Parlan, Niels-Henning Orsted Pedersen, and Tony Inzalaco, Gordon navigates standards like Just Friends, Misty, Red Cross, and So What with a mix of relaxed confidence and fiery invention. His soprano reading of In a Sentimental Mood adds a rare, reflective touch.

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**Transglobal World Music Chart March 2026**

- # Canzoniere Grecanico Salentino: Il Mito (Ponderosa Music) PONCD 175
- # Stelios Petrakis: Lyric (Buda Musique) BUDA 860413
- # Catrin Finch: Notes To Self (Bedigedig) BENDI 13
- # Tuuletat: Maammo (Nordic Notes) NNCD 198 / NNLP 198
- # Ablaye Cissoko & Contantinople: Estuaire (Ma Case Prod) CONS 2502
- # Raul Refree & Maria Mazzotta: San Paolo Di Galatina (Galileo Music) GMCCD 120 / GMCLP 120
- # Noura Mint Seymali: Yenbett (Glitterbeat Records) GBCD 177 / GBLP 177
- # Mama Sissoko: Diamond Fingers (One World Records) MSONE 26
- #Either/Orchestra & Ethiopian Guests: Éthiopiques 32 - Nalbandian l'Éthiopien (Buda Musique) BUDA 860412
- # Lamia Yared & Efrén López: From Minho to Euphrates (Worlds Within Worlds Records) WWWCD 31
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**World Music Charts Europe March 2026**

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