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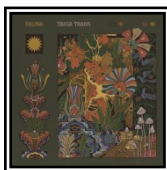
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BCUC: The Road Is Never Easy

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

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 15th, 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 17th, 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](#).



Elakelaiset: Humpan Kuninkaan Hovissa

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

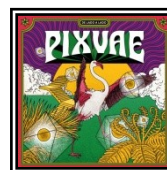
Humpan kuninkaan hovissa 1994-95 (At the Court of the King of Humpan 1994-95) was a compilation album released by Elakelaiset, featuring songs previously unreleased. The bonus track includes a sample of the band's other rehearsals, among other things. For the first time, this album by Elakelaiset is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



Elakelaiset: Humppa Of Finland

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

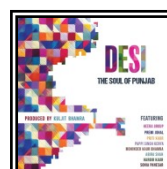
On the album, the band performs humppa versions of Finnish songs originally sung in English. The album features guest appearances by the original performers of the songs, as well as many others. There are nearly 150 guest artists, each of whom plays the triangle once on the album. Finally, the album 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

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

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 22nd, 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.

**HK: Le Coeur Au Vent (street date: May 15th, 2026)****EDPCD 6 / 3760063733136 / label: Irfan / format: CD / France – Popular****EDPLP 6 / 3760063733143 / label: Irfan / format: LP / France – Popular**

HK has his heart on his sleeve! With this new album, our street performer, surrounded by his lifelong friends, reveals himself more than ever before. The drums pound, the bass rumbles, the violins soar, the accordion wanders, the brass has fun, the guitars rebel... And HK's voice resonates, again and again, stubbornly.

**ORP (Oai Reggae Party): Le Village (street date: May 22nd, 2026)****ITSCD 13 / 3760063733006 / label: Irfan / format: CD / France – Reggae****ITSLP 13 / 3760063732993 / label: Irfan / format: LP / France – Reggae**

Get ready to groove to the sound of reggae made in Marseille! ORP is here to recharge your batteries and get you dancing with an explosive mix of fiery beats and legendary flows. Imagine a dash of Oai Star, a splash of Massilia, an explosive dose of Toko Blaze, a cloud of Raspigaous, all sprinkled with fresh riddims.

**Marty: Le Dernier Des Vivants (street date: May 22nd, 2026)****ECHCD 1 / 3760063733051 / label: Irfan / format: CD / France – Folk****EHCLP 1 / 3760063733069 / label: Irfan / format: LP / France – Folk**

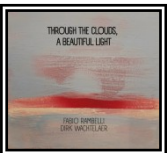
At the age of 50, MARTY has released a solo album marking a new beginning, guided by a desire for authenticity and acoustics where you can hear the wood resonate. The album is part of a French-language folk tradition that links the intimate with the landscape. [Listen.](#)

**Picon Mon Amour: Qui S'y Frotte S'y Prine (street date: May 22nd, 2026)****PMA 60 / 3760063733167 / label: Irfan / format: 2CD / France – Popular**

This double album brings together the first two albums by the famous duo Picon mon amour. Qui s'y frotte s'y prine and En rute pour la joie, released in 2017 and 2019 respectively. It includes their famous cover of the song 3-0 by Les Ogres de Barback. [Listen.](#)

**Pegno d'Ammore: Pegno d'Ammore****LBW 15 / 0199900316967 / label: Liburia Records / format: CD / Italy – Popular**

"Pegno d'Ammore" is an act of love for the traditional music of Southern Italy and, above all, for Naples: its stone, its voice, its wounds, and its inexhaustible vitality. An album born from the streets and destined to return to them, like a song bouncing off tuff walls, slipping into alleyways, and blending with the rhythm of everyday life. Naples not only as a city, but as a voice that never stops singing.

**Fabio Rambelli & Dirk Wachtelaer: Through the Clouds, A Beautiful Light****LB 13 / 0199900316943 / Liburia Records / format: CD / Italy-Belgium – Avantgarde**

At the heart of the project is the u, an ancient mouth organ of Asian origin, with a luminous, overtone-rich timbre, reconstructed only a few decades ago after more than a thousand years of abandonment. Alongside it, Dirk Wachtelaers drums and percussion move fluidly between traditional techniques, extended techniques, and aleatoric processes, giving rise to a free and deeply immersive dialogue. [Listen.](#)

**Brigan feat. Torgeir Vassvik: Voci De Mare E Di Vento (street date: May 8th, 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,

**Juan Carlos Cirigliano: Astor Y Yo****5320031 / 8435753200315 / label: Club Del Disco / format: LP / Argentina – Tango**

Juan Carlos Cirigliano, leading a truly exceptional quintet, recreates Piazzolla's music, taking the Mar del Plata genius's most avant-garde moments as a reference, recalling his time with the Octeto Electronico in the 1970s. Juan Carlos Cirigliano: piano, arranger; Sergio Vainikoff: keyboards; Juan Fracchi: double bass; Fito Cirigliano: drums, percussion; Bernardo Monk: saxophone. [Listen.](#)

**ZOJ: May The Devil's Ear Be Deaf (street date: May 1st, 2026)****PREC 22 / 0724133188236 / label: Parentheses Records / format: CD / Australia-Iran – Avantgarde**

Music made in a single breath. Recorded live, without overdubs, each piece holds the fragile moment where a sound might disappear, or stay with you. Voice, kamancheh, and drums move through silence and resonance, leaving space for the air between notes and the emotion inside them. Nothing is polished or repeated.



Mark Cain: Threads (street date: May 1st, 2026)**PREC 23 / 0726529864762 / label: Parentheses Records / format: CD / Australia – Avantgarde**

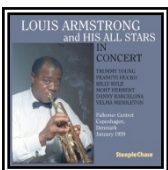
The record features fifteen solo pieces for soprano saxophone that venture to the outer edges of the instruments range, resonance and expressive vocabulary. Entirely improvised and each track recorded in a single continuous process, Threads captures music in its most immediate state. Each piece unfolds in the moment - without second takes, editing or overdubs.

**Tammela 33100: Tammela Yolla****ECD 2025247 / 1983502833766 / label: Eclipse Music / format: CD / Finland – Folk-Pop**

Folk-pop band Tammela 33100 released their new album Tammela yolla is the nighttime soundtrack to their hometown of Tampere and its most wonderful neighborhood. With this new album, they are taking a slight break from our previous narrative pop-rock formula and instead offering beautiful, folk-based melancholy and nocturnal snapshots.

**Esteban Sehinkman: El Sapo Argentino DeBoca Ancha****CLUB 208 / 8435753200018 / label: Club Del Disco / format: LP / Argentina – Popular-Jazz**

If there was one album that was destined for vinyl for quite some time, it was this magnificent work by Esteban Sehinkmans trio, which was released on CD in 2009 and now, fifteen years later, arrives on 140g vinyl manufactured in Europe. A groovy album, recorded in November 2008 (it was Record of the Month at the Club del Disco at the time). [Listen.](#)

**Louis Armstrong And His All Stars: In Concert Falkoner Centret 1959 (street date: April 17th, 2026)****SCCD 36513 / 0716043651320 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

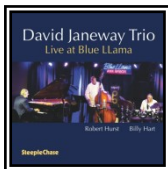
Experience Louis Armstrong at the height of his powers with this definitive 1959 Copenhagen concert, captured just months before his life-changing heart attack. Drawn from famed Falkoner Centers "In Concert" tapes, showcases Armstrongs All Stars in explosive form-fiery "Tiger Rag," soulful "Basin Street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

**Dick Sisto & Fred Hersch: Love Grows Deep (street date: April 17th, 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.

**George Colligan: Activism (street date: April 17th, 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.](#)

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

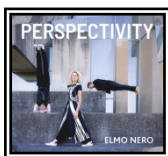
Captured live at Ann Arbor, Michigans renowned jazz club Blue LLama in June 2024, David Janeway presents himself at the height of his powers, joined by the world-class rhythm team of Robert Hurst III and Billy Hart. A Detroit-bred musician with a deep lineage in that citys storied jazz tradition, Janeway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

**Anthony Ferrara: Straight Into The Sun Vision (street date: May 8th, 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.

**Dexter Gordon: Stable Mable (street date: May 15th, 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.

**Elmo Nero: Perspectivity****GMV 145 / 4250095889073 / label: Galileo Music / format: CD / Germany – Jazz**

Three independent voices meet on equal terms: Christoph Helm (guitar), Gina Schwarz (bass) and Chris Parker (drums). Different musical influences, aesthetic attitudes and tonal ideas unite to form a common expression. The result is not a compromise, but friction - productive, authentic and full of energy. Perspectivity is more than a title, it is a musical statement.



Nenad Vasilic: Bass Room**GMVLP 145 / 4250095888960 / label: Galileo Music / format: CD / Serbia – Jazz**

Bassist Nenad Vasilic has made the themes and rhythms of his home region of Serbia, but also of the entire Balkans, an essential part of his musical concept. In combination with elements of contemporary jazz music, he developed an independent style of European world jazz over time. "Bass Room" is a pure bass album, recorded in "real time" - solely on bass.



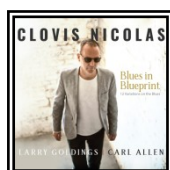
Gregory Lewis: Organ Monk Sings – Introducing MS Raina**SSC 1793 / 0016728179324 / label: Sunnyside Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

On Organ Monk Sings, Lewis joins forces with vocalist, lyricist, producer, and artistic director Raina Welch (professionally known as Ms. Raina) for a dramatic and original program of Monk compositions. Lewis and Welch connected through New York's vibrant music circuit, and their musical chemistry developed naturally through performance, conversation, and a shared commitment to the Black American musical lineage. [Listen.](#)



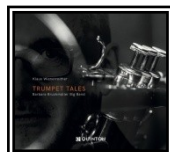
Scott Lee Ensemble feat. Camila Meza: Greetings From Florida – Postcards From Paradise**SSC 1806 / 0016728180627 / label: Sunnyside Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

Written for Camila Meza and chamber ensemble, the music blends contemporary classical elements with jazz idioms and pop song structures. Meza's jazz/pop vocals and driving guitar glide over top of noisy, pointillistic grooves performed by a top-notch chamber ensemble of Floridian musicians who deftly execute Lee's complex scores.



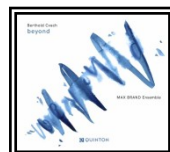
Clovis Nicolas: Blues In Blueprint**SSC 4120 / 0016728412025 / label: Sunnyside Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

With Blues in Blueprint, bassist and composer Clovis Nicolass's fifth album for Sunnyside Records, presents a personal exploration of the blues as a foundational and flexible framework within jazz. Subtitled as "12 Variations on the Blues," the album draws on a wide range of forms, grooves, and eras, bringing together traditional material, modern jazz compositions, and Nicolass's own originals into a coherent program. [Listen.](#)



Klaus Wienerroither & Barbara Bruckmuller Big Band: Trumpet Tales**Q 2505 / 0800679250528 / label: Quinton Records / format: CD / Austria 0 Jazz**

Trumpet Tales is a portrait of nine legendary jazz trumpeters since the 1920s who are very close to Klaus Wienerroither's heart: Louis Armstrong, Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis, Chet Baker, Clifford Brown, Kenny Wheeler, Don Cherry, Freddie Hubbard and Woody Shaw. [Listen.](#)



Berthold Cvach & Max Brand Ensemble: Beyond**Q 2507 / € 0800679250726 / label: Quinton Records / format: CD / Austria – Jazz**

The conflict between order and disorder is inevitable - because they are part of the composer's soul. The opposite of order is twofold - on the one hand, active chaos involving all participants - on the other hand, the disintegration of order, structures, harmonies and context. But this usually gives rise to something new. All it takes is the patience to wait for it ("Tempora").

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