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Dancas Oculatas: Inspirar (out on May 23rd, 2025)

GMC 116 / 4250095801167 / label: Galileo Music / format: CD / Portugal – Popular

Dancas Oculatas is a Portuguese quartet that has been creating its very own soundscapes with four diatonic accordions since 1989. Perhaps the best way to describe their music is as impressionistic folk. After 36 years, it is time for the band to take a breath, try out new things and present the repertoire of their 10th album on stages across Europe. [Listen.](#)



Ammar 808: Club Tounsi (out on May 23rd, 2025)

GBCD 170 / 4030433617021 / label: Glitterbeat Records / format: CD / Tunisia – Fusion

GBLP 170 / 4030433617014 / label: Glitterbeat Records / format: LP / Tunisia – Fusion

His deep-rooted, room-shaking 3rd album Club Tounsi isn't just a powerful statement of his Tunisian identity. It's also a joyous celebration of the dancefloor, blending Mezoued rhythms and instrumentation with an impossibly infectious blast of bass-heavy futurism. [Listen.](#)



Brighde Chaimbeul: Sunwise (out on June 27th, 2025)

GBCD 176 / 4030433617625 / label: tak:til / format: CD / Scotland – Fusion

GBLP 176 / 4030433617618 / label: tak:til / format: LP / Scotland – Fusion

After the remarkable success and acclaim that greeted her second album Carry Them With Us, the Scottish composer and small pipes player returns with a magic(k)al third album, Sunwise, which sees her push forward experimentally but also immerse her music more deeply in tradition, folklore and mystery. [Listen.](#)



Jacco Muller & Victor Ghannam: Alhambra By Night

MR 2025 / 6152424894858 / label: Mihrab Records / format: LP / Netherlands – Flamenco

Jacco Muller and Victor Ghannam's album Alhambra by Night offers an enchanting musical journey inspired by the majestic Alhambra in Granada, Andalusia. Combining flamenco guitar, ud and percussion, both Spanish and Middle Eastern influences come together naturally. Where the sea meets the sun and the vast deserts of the Middle East in the mystical Mirror Images and Desert Sand. [Listen.](#)



Oriol Mares & Talal Fayad Quartet: Estuarium

OTQ 1 / 8720844072781 / label: Estuarium Records / format: CD / Various – Fusion

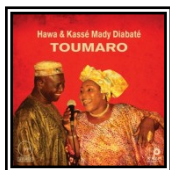
Oriol Mares & Talal Fayad Quartet's debut album blends Arabic, Latin, and Jazz across nine originals. Joined by percussionist Lucas Zegr and bassist Thodoris Ziarkas, the quartet deepens its fusion of styles into a cohesive musical language. Their music reflects personal expression and cross-cultural connection, shaped by each musician's roots. [Listen.](#)



New Global Ensemble: Dream Walking (out on June 6th, 2025)

NGEONE 25 / 0199066524718 / label: One World Records / format: CD / Various – Fusion

New album from critically acclaimed saxophonist Benjamin Boone and violinist Stefan Poetzsch, with their New Global Ensemble, which combines musicians from the United States, Germany, Ghana, Mexico, and Ireland. The album is a combination of composition and improvisation with strong rhythms throughout. Both a meditation and a celebration.



Hawa & Kasse Mady Diabate: Toumaro (out on June 6th, 2025)

KMDONE 25 / 0199066241059 / label: One World Records / format: CD / Mali – Popular

KMDONEV 25 / 0199066564004 / label: One World Records / format: LP / Mali – Popular

Kasse Mady Diabate was a Malian singer, musician and griot. His soft and particular voice with deep undertones earned him the nickname "The golden voice of Mali". Kasse Mady sadly passed suddenly in 2018, while recording the album. To honour her fathers, Hawa decided to finish the work her father had started.



Rain Sultanov Syndicate: Mr. Joe (out on June 6th, 2025)

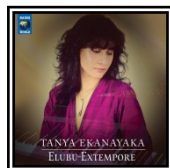
RSONE 25 / 0198588434833 / label: One World Records / format: CD / Azerbaijan – Jazz

Rain Sultanov is a leading jazz saxophonist who has made a great contribution to the development of jazz culture in his native Azerbaijan. Rain met Joe Zawinul in the 1990s and a lifelong friendship developed. After Zawinul's passing in 2007, Rain Sultanov invited some of Zawinul's legendary musicians to form an orchestra, the Rain Sultanov Syndicate. [Listen.](#)



Hartwin: Unfolding**TRADLP 36 / 6096418925923 / label: Trad Records / format: LP / Belgium – Folk**

Hartwin is a diatonic accordionist and composer. Together with a trio of strings, he creates a beautiful musical universe; a soundtrack for the listener's inner film. He composed the first musical themes for Unfolding in Estonia. The influence of Estonia's beautiful vast nature is woven into the meditative music on this record, which brings calm and makes the listener travel inward.



Tanya Ekanayaka: 16 Sri Lankan Piano Isles (out on May 23rd, 2025)**NXW 76176 / 0636943717622 / label: Naxos World / format: CD / Sri Lanka – Popular**

Uniquely inspired by sixteen pristine, biodiverse isles belonging to the territory of her homeland Sri Lanka, Tanya Ekanayaka's sixteen contrastive and palpable compositions, or Piano Isles, comprising this album, embody two distinct forms of composition-performance. Eight works were composed between 2022 and 2024. The remaining eight Extempore Compositions involved simultaneous composition-recording, on a single day.



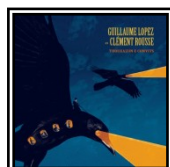
Les Ogres De Barback & La Rue Ketanou: Tout En Commun (out on June 13th, 2025)**TECCD 1 / 3760063732764 / label: Irfan / format: CD / France – Popular****TECLP 1 / 3760063732719 / label: Irfan / format: LP / France – Popular**

They'd been talking for a while about the idea of touring together. Not just one after the other on stage, but really together. It's a deeply singular story told by these two groups and their public, in this close sharing that has not wavered, quite the contrary, over the decades [30 years for Les Ogres, 26 for La Rue]. [Listen.](#)



Picon Mon Amour: Le Coeur, Le Cul Et Le Simple D'Esprit (out on June 13th, 2025)**PMACD 59 / 3760063732733 / label: Irfan / format: CD / France – Popular****PMALP 59 / 3760063732740 / label: Irfan / format: LP / France – Popular**

Picon mon Amour's fourth album, Le coeur, le cul et le simple d'esprit, is an intimate look at the issues that are on their minds, and a simple laugh at the same time. The songs are filled with outbursts, grace, self-questioning and humour. [Listen.](#)



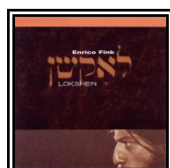
Guillaume Lopez & Clement Rousse: Thouxazun E Convits**CAGLCD 316581 / 3760063732559 / label: Irfan / format: CD / France – Popular**

This album of 16 never-before-recorded tracks is packed with guest stars. With this new album, Guillaume assumes his singularity by offering a new repertoire with sounds that are both very traditional and resolutely modern. More than a ballroom album, this opus is a dance and a listening experience. Guillaume's lyrics are as committed and poetic as ever, inviting us to reflect, to share and to live together. [Listen.](#)



Stefano Saletti: Mediterranima**MASOCD 90205 / 8012957020521 / label: Materiali Sonori / format: CD / Italy – Popular**

A musical journey across the shores of the Mediterranean to recount their common soul, influences and cultural connections. With instruments such as the bouzouki, oud, saz and beating guitar, Stefano Saletti brings to life original pieces inspired by myths, ballads and popular melodies, sung in Sabir, the ancient lingua franca of the ports. Mediterranima is a record that weaves sounds and stories. [Listen.](#)



Enrico Fink: Lokshen – Patrlineare**MASOCD 90117 / 8012957011727 / label: Materiali Sonori / format: CD / Italy – Yiddish**

A musical and theatrical ensemble traces the journey of a Jewish refugee and his family, from Tsarist Russia in the early 20th century to Italy. A tale set to music: the encounter between the Eastern European Judaism of Yiddish and klezmer, and the Italian Judaism of a community like Ferrara, which unwittingly approaches the outbreak of the racist fury of Fascism and Nazism.



Wildes Holz: Klassiker Live**HR 21 / 4260129130217 / label: Holz Records / format: 2CD / Germany – Popular**

The trio Wildes Holz has made a name for itself by finally playing rock and pop music on "real" instruments. And those are, of course, wooden instruments! In particular, the common recorder, which gives this music a very special touch. But what works with rock classics should surely be possible with the "real" classics! Listen just how well these works benefit from woody humor, virtuosity, and a good dose of self-irony. [Listen.](#)



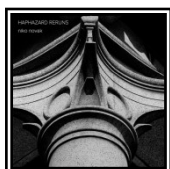
Hugo Race & Gianni Marocco: The Vigil**GRAMCD 2503 / 5050580847521 / label: Gusstaff Records / format: CD / Australia – Rock****GRAMLP 2504 / 5050580847538 / label: Gusstaff Records / format: LP / Australia – Rock**

Hugo Race and Gianni 'Marok' Marocco fuse an existential narrative made up of individual stories in the style of Boccaccio's Decameron with psychedelic soundscapes framed by experimental electronica, rock instrumentation and decades of experience as cutting edge musicians and studio producers.



Mark Mulholland: Fighting With Your Shadow**POCMCD 2501 / 0826863240328 / label: Ports Of Call Music / format: CD / Scotland – Rock****POCMLP 2501 / 0826863240311 / label: Ports Of Call Music / format: LP / Scotland – Rock**

The album is a mix of songs from a few different musical strands Mark has been following of late. He met bass player Christophe Borca when they both were invited to participate in Damon Albarn's Africa Express event in London in 2019. They continued working together in Paris, along with drummer Grgor Heuz. [Listen.](#)



Niko Novak: Haphazard Reruns (out on June 27th, 2025)**POCMCD 2502 / 0826863250228 / label: Ports Of Call Music / format: CD / Slovenia – Blues**

Slovenian singer-songwriter Niko Novak has been leaving his distinctive mark on the underground scenes of Ljubljana and Berlin for more than 3 decades. Niko tours solo, armed only with his bass guitar and his unmistakable baritone voice. His songs are emotionally intense and mysterious, stripped back and haunting, tales that evoke the blurred neon lights of all-night bars, the stale beer and cigarette ash. [Listen.](#)

**ZOJ: Give Water To Birds (out on June 20th, 2025)****PREC 21 / 0726529864762 / label: Parentheses / format: CD / Australia-Iran – Avantgarde**

ZOJ's sophomore release crafts an evolving sonic landscape where the edges between sound, silence and nature dissolve. Attuned to the moment, the music unfolds slowly and deliberately; drawing you in, asking you to listen deeply, and feel fully. This isn't background music; it's an invitation to be present. You can expect to feel both rooted and untethered, connected yet adrift in a soundscape.

**Pili Coit & Yowie & Les Exocrines: Split****DDCD 79 / 0647216616221 / label: Dur et Doux / format: CD / France – Avantgarde**

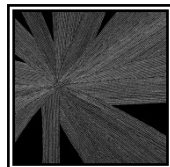
"Split" brings together two tremendously inventive bands, that have reinvented themselves once again with their first new songs of 2025. Pili Coit now sleeps with Les Exocrines, and has become an 8-piece mutant orchestra. The musical prowess displayed in this amalgamation of forward-thinking and progressive math rock lie as much in the muscles as in the neurons. It challenges, inspires, and mesmerizes, all at once.

**Denis Lavant & Lionel Martin & Jean-Jacques Birge: Les Dements****1200040 / 3760012000401 / label: Ouch! Records / format: 2CD / France – Avantgarde**

The album begins in the fiery Balkan landscapes, on a "Macadam Road," an idea of home that moves forward toward freedom, love, and the peace of finding an "inner voice." There is a beautiful balance between groove-driven passages, lyrical melodies, and the use of sound spaces. This is an album that portrays an artist who has found himself, a voice that has no need or desire to hide from anyone or anything. [Listen.](#)

**No Suicide Act: Interbellum****4600854 / 3666946008547 / label: Ouch! Records / format: CD / 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.](#)

**Amina Claudine Myers: Solace Of The Mind (out on June 20th, 2025)****RHCD 1007 / 5391538080523 / label: Red Hook Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz****RHLP 1007 / 5391538080516 / label: Red Hook Records / format: LP / USA – Jazz**

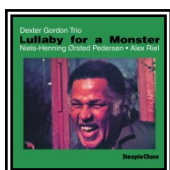
Over the past six decades, Amina Claudine Myers' music has ranged far over from the spirituals, hymns and popular gospel groups she heard and emulated during her childhood. Yet those early influences run deeply through her extensive and varied oeuvre.

**Joe Magnarelli: Concord****SCCD 31976 / 0716043197620 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

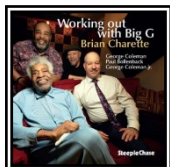
New Yorks ace trumpeter Joe "Mags" Magnarelli's third outing on SteepleChase is condensed to a quartet format with trumpet as the sole frontline giving the leader new dimension and depth to define his voice. His previous release (SCCD 31939 New York-Osaka Junction) received enthused remarks "he is particularly outstanding, demonstrating a brilliant clarity that could be called the height of sophistication."

**Pierre Dorge & New Jungle Orchestra: Jazzhus Montmartre Live****SCCD 31981 / 0716043198122 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / Denmark – Jazz**

After the 45-year world jungle expedition, guitarist/composer/chieftain Pierre Dorge takes his tribe to its home turf Copenhagens fabled Jazzhus Montmartre to record live their latest album filled with all but one new vibrant compositions by Dorge. Donald Elfman of AAJ once remarked, "He can re-imagine and re-think the way that music is voiced thus creating entire new worlds out of worlds we think we know."

**Dexter Gordon: Lullaby For A Monster (out on May 23rd, 2025)****G 1156 / 0716043115617 / label SteepleChase Records / format: LP / USA – Jazz**

June 15, 1976 Long tall Dexter plunges into a blowing spree in this unusual piano-less trio format. Lullaby for a Monster", recorded just before his triumphant homecoming, stands as a powerful reminder of an era when jazz giants roamed in abundance. A favorite among musicians, this album deserves wider recognition within Gordons impressive discography.

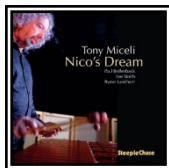
**Brian Charette: Working Out With Big G (out on June 6th, 2025)****SCCD 31973 / 0716043197323 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

Many of us old-timers remember George "Big G" Coleman in the late 50s and 60s performing with almost every single legendary name in that golden era of American jazz, a.o. Miles Davis. Coleman who turns 90 this year is still going strong and surrounds himself with the elite artists of younger generation including the leader of this album Brian Charette (Hammond-B3).



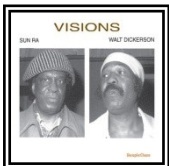
Duke Jordan: Sketching For Les Liaisons Dangereuses (out on June 13th, 2025)**SCCD 36044 / 0716043604425 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

Duke Jordan (1920 - 2006) was approached in NY by Marcel Romano, musical consultant of the French film *Les Liaisons Dangereuses* directed by Roger Vadim in 1959 to audition for the soundtracks. It laid down the groundwork for Jordans rise to the star composer status. All too famous "No Problem" is not included in this sketching but a few of the masterpieces we come to appreciate later are here in their prototypes.



Tony Miceli: Nico's Dream (out on June 20th, 2025)**SCCD 31983 / 0716043198320 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

Since the time vibraphone was invented in 1921 (could be 1916) there has been an impressive and growing list of exceptional practitioners of this mallet instrument. And one of them is Tony Miceli, a vibraphonist of astonishing virtuosity, musical resilience, and inventiveness. His vibes playing is nothing short of phenomenal. This is Tony Micelis leader debut album on SteepleChase. [Listen.](#)



Sun Ra & Walt Dickerson: Visions (out on June 27th, 2025)**G 1126 / 0716043112616 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: LP / USA – Jazz**

Recorded in the summer of 1978 in Manhattans C. I. Recording Studio this rare encounter of jazzs supreme instrumentalists and individualists Walt Dickerson (1928 - 2008) and Sun Ra (1914 - 1993) became an instant cult album among the followers of Avant Garde jazz of the 70s. Nearly a half-century after the fact, Visions now stands as a milestone of free improvisation. [Listen.](#)



Burkard Kunkel: Monxarella (out on June 27th, 2025)**BAY 22 / 4250095820229 / label: BayLa Records / format: CD / Germany – Jazz**

The Monxarella project arose from a desire to reinterpret Monk's music in a varied and new way. Kunkel deliberately works without overdubs and uses various instruments simultaneously, including the chord zither, bass clarinet, basset horn, alto zither, harp zither, and shruti box, which he plays with his foot. The different timbres are intended to evoke a bittersweet nostalgia.



Asja Valcic: Inner Voice**Q 2502 / 0800679250221 / label: Quinton Records / format: CD / Austria – Jazz**

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- # Park Jiha: All Living Things (tak:til -Glitterbeat Records) GB CD 165 / GBLP 165
- # Ablaye Cissoko & Cyrille Brotto: Djiyo (Ma Case Prod) MACASE 32
- # Ensemble Marani: Sharatin (Buda Musique) BUDA 860402
- # Mehmet Polat Quartet: Roots In Motion (Aftab Records) MP 25
- # uKanDanz: Evil Plan (Compagnie 4000) CIE 4018 / CIE 4017
- # L'Alba: Grilli (Buda Musique) BUDA 860401
- # Al Andaluz Project: The Songs of Iman Kandoussi (Galileo Music) GMC 113

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- # Estrellas De Buena Vista: Live In Havana (One World Records) EDBVONE 25 / EDBVONV 25
- # Kuunatic: Wheels Of Omon (Glitterbeat Records) GB CD 169 / GBLP 169
- # Santrofi: Making Moves (Outhere Records) OHCD 41 / OHLP 41
- # Ensemble Marani: Sharatin (Buda Musique) BUDA 860402
- # Maria Joao: Abundancia (Galileo Music) GMC 112 / GMCLP 112
- # Kankou Kouyate: N'Darila (One World Records) KKONE 25

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