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Gasper Nali: Chule Chule Iwe (out on July 25th, 2025)

SDR 12 / 0199330074130 / label: Spare Dog Records / format: CD / Malawi – Popular

The new album 'Chule Chule Iwe' (Hey You, Frog!) is a more studio oriented record featuring Gasper Nali, as always; singing, playing his 3-metre one-stringed home-made babatoni bass guitar, and stomping away those impossibly danceable rhythms on a cow skin kick drum with his locally welded monster foot pedal. Beside Gasper is fellow Malawian artist Luhangah and Swedish producer, musician Mattias Stalnacke,. [Listen](#).



Eljuri: Asi es el Mundo (out on August 22nd, 2025)

MVCDA 2025 / 0198704575235 / label: Manovill Records / format: CD / USA – Popular

Eljuri proudly celebrates the release of her sixth studio album, Asi es el Mundo. Fusing traditional rhythms with raw modern energy, Eljuri-one of the worlds top Latina guitarists and an award-winning songwriter-brings her powerhouse trio to new hip-shaking grooves. This bold, bilingual album is a rebel cry. Through her electrifying music, she amplifies voices for social change. [Listen](#).



Giua & Riccardo Tesi: Retablos

OHR 25043 / 3617668824953 / label Orange Home Records / format: CD / Italy – Popular

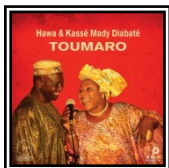
"Retablos" was born from the meeting of two distinct and complementary musical worlds: that of songwriting, expressed through Giua's words and voice, and that of tradition and original instrumental compositions, represented by the mastery of Riccardo Tesi. The title of the record and live performance is inspired by one of the major expressions of Peruvian art, the Retablos, small portable wooden boxes. [Listen](#).



Kadialy Kouyate: Tona

EUCD 2977 / 5019396297722 / label: ARC Music / format: CD / Senegal – Popular

Kadialy Kouyates mesmerizing kora skills are deeply rooted in his ancestral lineage of Kouyate griots. For this project, Kadialy brought together world music artists he had long admired, such as Davide Mantovani, Josh Middleton and Mina Mikhael Salama, alongside talented musicians he had previously collaborated with, including Mamadou Sarr, Abdoulaye Samb and Al MacSween.



Hawa & Kasse Mady Diabate: Toumaro (CD out now; LP out on August 1st, 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.



Michalis Kouloumis: Displaced Dreams (out on July 18th, 2025)

2GN 27 / 0745125354163 / label: Seyir Muzik / format: CD / Cyprus – Traditional

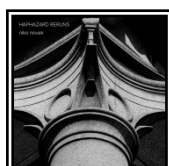
Michalis Kouloumis, himself the child of Cypriot refugees, drew inspiration and emotion for his new album from images of people who were driven from their homes. Displaced Dreams explores our shared humanity in a time of enormous political upheaval and combines music from the East with music from the West. Michalis Kouloumis is composer specialising in eastern Mediterranean and classical Ottoman music. [Listen](#).



Hirundo Maris: Looking For New Horizons – Book I (out on July 25th, 2025)

2GN 28 / 0745125354156 / label: Seyir Muzik / format: CD / Various – Traditional

This album is a testament to the timeless interplay between cultures-between Orient and Occident, between the mystical landscapes of the North and the shimmering courts of the East. It recalls the wonder of A Thousand and One Nights, where each tale reveals another world, another horizon to be explored. May this music be a passage to new horizons - both within and beyond.



Niko Novak: Haphazard Reruns

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](#).



Brighde Chaimbeul: Sunwise**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.](#)



Francis Morton: Sliocht**FMCD 2024 / 0880992165914 / label: Birnam / format: CD / Scotland – Folk**

Frances Morton is a highly acclaimed flute-player from Glasgow. Growing up learning piano at a young age, she then took up whistle and flute, attending St Roch's CCE for many years. Traditional Scottish and Irish music on flute with accompaniment from Eamon McElholm (Solais, Stockton's Wing), Ciaran Tourish (Altan) and others.



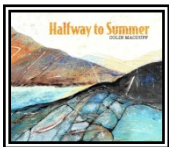
Freya Rae: Divergence**CDMCR 1 / 0726436714266 / label: Birnam / format: CD / Scotland – Folk**

Divergence is so named because the band seeks to employ non-traditional instruments in traditionally-inspired music. These include the silver boehm system flute, the clarinet and tongue drum. Their aim is to encourage inclusivity, progression and acceptance. The trio take Freya's own melodies and twist them into sets and riffs, giving them a zest for life that is delightfully infectious. [Listen.](#)



Evelyn Laurie & Neil Thomson: Silver Threads**STPEN 10001 / 0880992166713 / label: Birnam / format: CD / Scotland – Folk**

This is a collection of songs celebrating their hometown and their status as Paisley Buddies. Whilst much of the words and music are also provided by Evelyn and Neil, they have also reflected the artistry of their fellow Buddies, including the Paisley bard Robert Tannahill, poets High McDonald and John Russel, plus songwriters Ewan McVicar and the much loved and fondly remembered Danny Kyle. [Listen.](#)



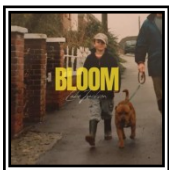
Colin Macduff: Halfway To Summer**CNM 20241 / 0880992166812 / label: Birnam / format: CD / Scotland – Folk**

Gently delivered with an overall upbeat feel, this is a collection of songs that focus very much on being present, the here and now. There is a celebration of receiving the news of the success of radiotherapy through to memories evoked by a scent, of feelings positive and challenging prompted by place and time, at once both personal to the artist and universally recognisable to his listeners. [Listen.](#)



Sheila K Cameron: On Sanity's Shore**SKCCD 1711 / 0880992168113 / label: Birnam / format: CD / Scotland – Popular**

This is one of several winding down selections and it may be the most personal. It takes me to places and people I've known, through remembered experiences: some sad, some loving and some full of regret. But it also takes me to a different place, where nothing much has changed, where the deep down fix remains elusive but there's a vague sense that something positive has been achieved.



Luke Jackson: Bloom**FTCD 6 / 0880992164115 / label: Birnam / format: CD / England – Popular**

Luke's 7th release and first full album since 2019, BLOOM is a collection of 12 original songs written over the last 5 years. Each song creates its own moment and take the listener on a journey, telling personal tales experienced throughout his 20s, from becoming an uncle, getting engaged, touring The States with his father, losing a dear friend and turning 30. [Listen.](#)



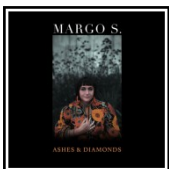
Modern Vikings: Tales Of The Skald**MODCD 2024 / 0880992167000 / label: Birnam / format: CD / Scotland – Jazz**

'Tales of the Skald' is the debut album from Modern Vikings. The 9-track album composed by band leader Stephen Henderson, takes the listener through an array of grooves, colours and styles all connected to the jazz tradition and beyond, capturing Henderson's broad musical upbringing. The all-star band are individually featured in the writing, allowing their unique personalities to take turns at coming to the forefront. [Listen.](#)



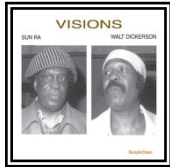
Thokozile Collective: Thokozile Collective**FFC 4 / 0880992165709 / label: Birnam / format: CD / England – Jazz**

It is in the mix of nationality that the band excels, it is a colossal feat to collectivism that what comes from the influences of African, Canadian, European, and British union, speaks with a force of dramatic jazz intent, whilst also invoking the memory of what was to be a seminal moment in Western appreciation of a style of music that is thrilling and driven by love. [Listen.](#)



Margo S: Ashes & Diamonds**TRRC 84 / 0714651954192 / label: Truth Revolution Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

Margo is a dynamic artist blending jazz with pop and experimental influences, crafting a sound that captivates both connoisseurs and casual listeners alike. Her latest album, "Ashes and Diamonds," is a deeply personal and artistic project, reflecting her journey through music, emotion, and storytelling. Originally from Poland, Margo's passion for jazz was ignited after reading Miles: The Autobiography by Quincy Troupe.



Sun Ra & Walt Dickerson: Visions**G 1126 / 0716043112616 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: LP / USA – Jazz**

Recorded in the summer of 1978 in Manhattan's C. I. Recording Studio this rare encounter of jazz's 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.](#)



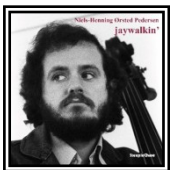
Ivan Farmakovskiy: Epic Power (out on August 8th, 2025)**SCCD 31991 / 0716043199129 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / Russia – Jazz**

Renowned Russian jazz pianist Ivan Farmakovskiy makes his highly anticipated debut on SteepleChase Records with a stunning new album. Blending his signature hard-bop style with modern jazz sensibilities, Farmakovskiy delivers a masterful performance that bridges tradition and innovation with American rhythm section of Christian McBride and Jack DeJohnette.



Craig Brann: For The Record (out on August 15th, 2025)**SCCD 31984 / 0716043198429 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

Acclaimed guitarist Craig Brann joins forces with tenor saxophone virtuoso Greg Tardy for an electrifying new release on SteepleChase. This album showcases Brann's signature melodic storytelling and Tardy's expressive phrasing, creating a dynamic interplay between guitar and saxophone that is both adventurous and deeply rooted in jazz tradition.



Niels-Henning Ørsted Pedersen: Jaywalkin' (out on August 23rd, 2025)**G 1041 / 0716043104116 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: LP / Denmark – Jazz**

SteepleChase proudly presents the 2025 audiophile reissue of Jaywalkin', the iconic 1976 album by legendary Danish jazz bassist Niels-Henning Ørsted Pedersen. Known for his impeccable technique and rich, resonant tone, Pedersen's playing on this album is nothing short of masterful. Remastered from the original analog tapes for unparalleled sound clarity 180g heavyweight vinyl with exclusive new liner notes.



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.



Electric Flowers: Draw Your Heart**C 1014 / 0746160918570 / label: Da Vinci Jazz / format: CD / Italy – Jazz**

In the domain where Asia and Europe converge, Electric Flowers blossom amidst lyrical melodies. At once delicate and potent, they flourish in the fertile ground of contemporary jazz and original composition. Acoustic and electric instruments intertwine, resonating in pursuit of a sound as pristine as the heritage and modernity that gave rise to their creation. [Listen.](#)



Ettore Fioravanti: Navigare**MPRCD 190 / 8052141492123 / label: Parco della Musica / format: CD / Italy – Jazz**

In approaching the sound world of Markus Stockhausen, I discovered paths that I did not know were so visible to those who know how to see them, and I tasted flavours that seemed new but in reality belong to the hidden sound archive that each of us, more or less, has deep in our souls. With this project, completed by the participation of the brilliant Furio Di Castri, Achille Succi and Danilo Tarso. [Listen.](#)

Transglobal World Music Chart July 2025

- # Ammar 808: Club Tounsi (Glitterbeat Records) GBCD 170 / GBLP 170
- # Hawa & Kasse Mady Diabate: Toumaro (One World Records) KMDONE 25 / KMDONEV 25
- # Kankou Kouyate: N'Darila (One World Records) KKONE 25
- # Kaabi Kouyate: Tribute To Kandia (Buda Musique) BUDA 860404
- # Stefano Saletti: Mediterranima (Materiali Sonori (MASOCD 90205
- # Mehmet Polat Quartet: Roots In Motion (Aftab Records) MP 25
- # Trio Da Kali: Bagola (One World Records) TDKONE 25 / TDKONEV 25
- # Los Piranas: Una Oportunidad Mas De Triunfar En La Vida (Glitterbeat Records) GBCD 167 / GBLP 167
- # Brighde Chaimbeul: Sunwise (tak:til – Glitterbeat Records) GBCD 176 / GBLP 176
- # Park Jiha: All Living Things (tak:til -Glitterbeat Records) GBCD 165 / GBLP 165
- # Vesevo: Tien'a ment' (Liburia Records)

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- # Dancas Ocultas: Ispirar (Galileo Music) GMC 116
- # Grecia Albán: Nubes Selva (Folkalist Records) FOLKCD 4
- # Rodrigo Leão: O Rapaz Do Montanha (Galileo Music)
- # Kadialy Kouyate: Tona (ARC Music) EUCD 2977

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