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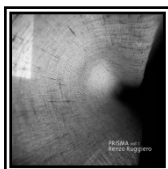
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Ficufreche: Voci Dalle Toraglie

LBW 20 / 0823000619139 / label: Liburia Records / format: CD / Italy – Traditional

The duos artistic language emerges from a deep connection with the landscape itself. Here, human song becomes part of a wider natural polyphony-the wind moving through leaves, the calls of animals, and the breath of the earth-echoing a way of listening and belonging that has shaped generations. The repertoire reveals the many roles music once played in womens lives. [Listen](#).



Renzo Ruggiero: Prisma Vol. 1 (street date: September 18th, 2026)

LBW 21 / 0823000603947 / label: Liburia Records / format: CD / Italy – Mediterranean

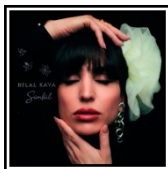
Following more than twenty-five years devoted to early and traditional music, Ruggiero presents a deeply personal work that blends contemporary composition with the rich musical heritage of different cultures. More than an album title, Prisma represents the central concept behind the project. Like a prism refracting light into countless colors, the music transforms according to each listener's perspective.



Various: Bardentreffen 2026 (street date: July 24th, 2026)

FG 9 / 4251329504250 / label: Folk Galore / format: CD / Various – World

In the summer of 2026, Nuremberg will celebrate a double anniversary: 50 years of Bardentreffen world music festival and the 450th anniversary of the death of Nuremberg's Meistersinger Hans Sachs, in whose honor the Bardentreffen was founded in 1976. Two jubilees that uniquely connect the past and present of the art of songwriting. Folk Galore has selected 17 artists and brought them together in a vibrant compilation.

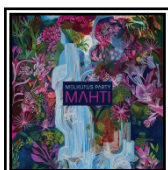


Hilal Kaya: Sumbul (street date: August 28th, 2026)

CPLCD 82 / 4251329500825 / label: CPL-Music / format: CD / Denmark-Turkye – Popular

CPLCD 82 / 4251329504182 / label: CPL-Music / format: LP / Denmark-Turkye – Popular

Turkish-Danish vocalist, songwriter and composer Hilal Kaya debut album "Sumbul" is rooted in Turkish folk music, the album blends elements of rock, jazz and psychedelia while reimagining traditional Anatolian sounds through a modern and free-spirited musical approach.



Melkut Party: Mahti (street date: September 18th, 2026)

NNCD 201 / 4251329596391 / label: Nordic Notes / format: CD / Finland – Folk

NNLP 201 / 4251329506407 / label: Nordic Notes / format: LP / Finland – Folk

Mahti takes the listener from somber meditations to hectic party-bangers, and back. In the center of the album is the Finnish traditional lyre kantele, of which sound seamlessly fits into genres like drum n bass, ambient, trance and electronica. Time to settle down and relax, or enjoy a night full of clubbing - we are here with you.



L'Antidote – Bijan Chemirani & Redi Hasa & Rami Khalife:

Sound Sketches – An Elegant and Profound Original Soundtrack (street date: 25-09-2026)

PONCD 184 / 8030482005011 / label: Ponderosa Music Records / format: CD / Various – Fusion

PONLP 47 / 8030482004991 / label: Ponderosa Music Records / format: LP / Various – Fusion

L'Antidote are back with a new project. The music for "Sound Sketches" was created to accompany the exhibition "Giorgio Armani Priv 2005-2025: Twenty Years of Haute Couture".



Christos Barbas & Nabil Nair: Fam (street date: September 18th, 2026)

2GN 44 / 0745125354330 / label: Seyir Muzik / format: CD / Various - Traditional

Fam is the debut album by Christos Barbas - ney & piano - and Nabil Nair - clarinet & piano. Fam reflects a juxtaposition between a profound personal desire for change, creation, and connection, and a wider awareness of humanity in crisis and the fragility of the natural world. Across the album, themes of place, memory, childhood, loss, freedom, and vulnerability emerge subtly in each composition. [Listen](#).



Alekos Vretos: Mediterranean Echoes (street date October 9th, 2026)

TCCD 90 / 5200138620889 / label: Thinkbabymusic Coll. / format: CD / Greece – Mediterranean

TCLTD 90 / 5200138620872 / label: Thinkbabymusic Coll. / format: LP / Greece – Mediterranean

At its core lies a sound that is lyrical, spacious and deeply interactive, where composition and improvisation remain in constant dialogue. With the oud at the centre and an ensemble without drums or percussion, the album builds its pulse through melody, breath, listening and the inner movement of the group itself.



Rien Faire: Le Defile**DDCD 82 / 3521383504475 / label: Dur et Doux / format: CD / France – Pop-Rock****DDLP 82 / 3521381604481 / label: Dur et Doux / format: LP / France – Pop-Rock**

With their third album, Rien faire continues to blaze a trail in the somewhat strange new French music scene that is difficult to categorize. And they still have that desire to stay on the edge. Their music is sophisticated and naive, like a tightrope walker. [Listen.](#)

**Le Grand Sbam: Janus****DDCD 76 / 3251383506165 / label: Dur et Doux / format: CD / France – Avantgarde**

With humor and poetry, JaNuS pays a triple tribute to a courageous scientist, a revolutionary biologist-philosopher, and a powerful spirit of the Innu people. By choosing to write the libretto with his brother, sociologist Thomas Arnera, Antoine—nourished by early music and the energy of rock—delivers music steeped in the wild worlds of biology and astrophysics." [Listen.](#)

**Marcos Coll: Ronsel (street date: September 25th, 2026)****GMC 122 / 4250095801228 / label: Galileo Music / format: CD / Spain – World**

Marcos Coll's new album "Ronsel" includes guest stars like Charlie Musselwhite and where he covers spanish, latin and galician rythms making a crossover with Blues and Jazz. Touring and recording with blues legends such as Mick Talyor (Rolling Stones) or Buddy Miles (Jimmy Hendrix) and sharing bills with all time greats such as Buddy Guy, John Mayall or Chuck Berry formed Marcos harmonica sound.

**Georg Ringsgwandl: Woanders (street date: September 25th, 2026)****GMCCD 123 / 4250095801235 / label: Galileo Music / format: CD / Germany – Popular****GMCLP 123 / 4250095811234 / label: Galileo Music . format: LP / Germany – Popular**

Woanders is a studio album by the well-known German cabaret artist and musician Georg Ringsgwandl, released in 2016. The album features 11 tracks, including well-known songs such as "Sitz di her", "Dorf" and the title track "Woanders". [Listen.](#)

**Cathrin Pfeifer: Upside Down (street date: September 11th, 2026)****GMV 147 / 4250095889363 / label: Galileo Music / format: CD / Germany – Jazz**

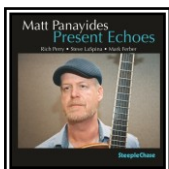
A diverse range of original compositions, ranging from tango-esque waltz melodies to African voodoo blues, flamenco-esque shakti rhythms and meditative minimal music, imaginary soundtracks and invented folklore set to danceable grooves... Modern accordion playing that embraces both complex rhythms and jazzy arrangements.

**Fred Frith & Johannes Tonio Kreusch & Cornelius Claudio Kreusch: Pink / Neon****GMCCD 121 / 4260095801211 / label: Galileo Music / format 2CD / Germany – Jazz****GMCLP 121 / 4250095811210 / label: Galileo Music / format: 2LP / Germany – Jazz**

For Fred Frith, the guitar is merely a starting point. It serves as a user interface onto which he superimposes various concepts that expand the instruments sound to include effects, noises, decompositions and reconstructions.

**Andrew Rathbun & Gary Versace: Episodes (street date August 21st, 2026)****SCCD 34024 / 0716043402427 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

Tenor saxophonist Andrew Rathbun and pianist Gary Versace meet for the first time as a duo on Episodes, revealing a striking new dimension in their musical partnership. Versaces chameleon-like ability to shift color, texture, and groove pairs seamlessly with Rathbuns ever-evolving compositional voice, whose pieces here range from unmetered shapes to baroque-tinged counterpoint and driving ostinati.

**Matt Panayides: Present Echoes (street date: August 21st, 2026)****SCCD 34008 / 0716043400829 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

Guitarist/Composer Matt Panayides makes a compelling SteepleChase debut with Present Echoes, a vibrant quartet session featuring tenor saxophonist Rich Perry, bassist Steve LaSpina, and drummer Mark Ferber. Written in the wake of drummer Anthony Pinciottis passing, the album presents a full program of originals shaped by reflection, momentum and deep musical heritage.

**Vito Dieterle: Nerve Case (street date: August 21st, 2026)****SCCD 34002 / 0716043400225 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

His working band of guitarist Kris Kaiser, bassist Griffin Fink, and drummer Aaron Seeber shares a rare chemistry that drives the albums mix of standards, jazz gems, and two originals. Dieterles tone bold and clear leads the groups interplay to a conversational flow. From the Tristano-tinged opener "Split" to the soulful ballads and the bluesy title track, Nerve Case introduces a mature, distinctive voice and ensemble sound.

**Thad Jones: Three And One (street date: August 21st, 2026)****G 1197 / 0716043119714 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: LP / USA – Jazz**

Thad Jones (1923 - 1986) was best known as the leader / composer / arranger of one of the best big jazz bands of the 1960s and 70s. But Thad was also a superb instrumentalist in smaller settings. This was Thads first quartet recording in 30 years (recorded in Copenhagen, October 1984). The newly remastered 24-bit/96 kHz 180g vinyl edition draws a vivid, intimate portrait of Jones the storyteller: reflective, free, and full of tunes..



Phil Seamen: The Late Great Phil Seamen Vol. 2 (street date: September 18th, 2026)**SWP 74 / 9789077-68755 / label: SWP Records / format: CD / England – Jazz**

Phil Seamen, was one of the great jazz drummers of the world. Phil had an innate ability on the drums but alas, he was also a born raver – drug addiction increasingly dogged his career, and it cut short his life. Amongst others Kenny Clarke, Louis Bellson, Joe Morello, Philly Joe Jones were all big fans, Sir James Blades called him a 'percussion genius', to Ginger Baker he was 'God'.



Lucian Ban & Elevation: Rush (street date: August 14th, 2026)**SSC 1775 / 0016728177528 / label: Sunnyside Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

"Rush" is the new album by Romanian-American jazz pianist Lucian Ban, "Elevation" is the name of his acclaimed modern jazz quartet. Lucian Ban's quartet, Elevation, features Abraham Burton (sax), John Hbert (bass), and Eric McPherson (drums). The group has released critically praised albums with Sunnyside Records, most notably Songs From Afar, which was a mainstay in the Downbeat Critics Poll.



Ran Blake & Dominique Eades: Roots and Byways**SSC 1813 / 0016728181327 / label: Sunnyside Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

The duos newest work, Roots & Byways, was recorded in their favored performance space in Jordan Hall at the New England Conservatory of Music over two sessions in August 2023. The recording presents the duo performing fourteen pieces (plus two solo piano interpretations by Blake) of a diverse range of standards, pop songs, film music, and folk tunes. [Listen.](#)



Gaia Wilmer Large Ensemble: Parabolico – Reflections On Gilbert (street date: August 14th, 2026)**SSC 1808 / 0016728180825 / label: Sunnyside Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

Gaia Wilmer's music draws on Brazilian traditions while staying rooted in contemporary jazz and improvisation. A key part of Gaia's projects is reworking music by Brazilian composers such as Egberto Gismonti, Caetano Veloso, and Gilberto Gil in Parabolico. Gilberto Gil the Brazilian singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and politician, is one of the central figures in Brazilian popular music. [Listen.](#)



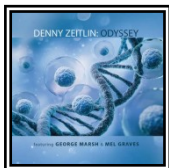
Mat Maneri Quartet: Mist**SSC 1809 / 0016728180924 / label: Sunnyside Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

As these challenging years creep by, it becomes necessary to look for hope on the horizon. Often, the picture of the future isn't clear but remains obscured or hazy. But it is the belief in a brighter time ahead that helps imagine a better place through the mist. Violist, improviser, and composer Mat Maneri captures that feeling on Mist, the final installment of a musical trilogy that he recorded with his quartet of longtime collaborators. [Listen.](#)



Matt Slocum: A Revolving Alliance**SSC 4041 / 0016728404129 / label: Sunnyside Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

Slocum has been on his own path for many years, unconcerned with anything outside of cultivating, composing and performing music which represents his own artistic aesthetic and vision; music which resonates with and stimulates his fellow musicians; and music that _nds music lovers yearning to hear master musicians in their prime. He has accomplished all of this and more with this new recording. [Listen.](#)



Denny Zeitlin: Odyssey (street date: July 31st, 2026)**SSC 1816 / 0016728181624 / label: Sunnyside Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

Denny Zeitlin has long compared music making to setting out on a journey. The legendary pianist, composer, and sound synthesist has been combing his archives for years, finding tremendous, exploratory recordings in an array of settings, along with capturing new recordings from his home studio. His new collection, Odyssey, highlights three long-standing projects.



Frankfurt Radio Big Band: Jim McNeely Expeditions (street date: August 21st, 2026)**SSC 1795 / 0016728179522 / label: Sunnyside Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

In 2025, the jazz world lost one of its beloved talents in the arts of composing and arranging with the passing of Jim McNeely. But before he left, McNeely completed and recorded a suite of original music for his long time favored collaborative ensemble, the Frankfurt Radio Big Band. This is quite a journey, as the music suggests adventures through sound for individual musicians that McNeely had devised unique environments for.



Heinrich von Kalnein: Probably Possible (street date: September 25th, 2026)**NATCD 476282 / 4250095889448 / label: Natango Records / format: CD / Austria – Jazz****NATLP 476281 / 4250095889431 / label: Natango Records / format: LP / Austria – Jazz**

For over 30 years, this German saxophonist and flautist, who lives in Austria, has been one of Europe's leading musicians. He has appeared on over 40 CDs, both as a bandleader and as a sideman, many of them under his own name.

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Tamikrest: Assikel (Glitterbeat Records) GBCD 184 / GBLP 184
Souad Massi: Zagate (Backing Track Production) BTCD 2 / BTLP 2
Nana Osei Twum Barima: Journey to the Unknown (Zephyrus Records) ZEPCD 78 / ZEPLP 78
Mah Damba: Taabolo Koura (One World Records) MAHONE 26
Berima Amo: Rhythms of Love (ARC Music) EUCD 2982
Stelios Petrakis: Lyric (Buda Musique) BUDA 860413
Canzoniere Grecanico Salentino: Il Mito (Ponderosa Music) PONCD 175
Ablaye Cissoko & Contantinople: Estuaire (Ma Case Prod) CONS 2502
Maria Kalaniemi & Timo Alakotila: Morgondimma (Akerö) AKEROCD 30
Gaoussou 'Sobra' Kouyate: Sobra Dance (One World Records) GKONE 2026

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Tamikrest: Assikel (Glitterbeat Records) GBCD 184 / GBLP 184
Gaoussou 'Sobra' Kouyate: Sobra Dance (One World Records) GKONE 2026
Slavyk: 11 Songs Of Love & Suffering (CPL-Music) CPLCD 85
Sonetos del Amor Oscuro: Vol. 2 - Secretos de Melancolia (Zephyrus Records) ZEPCD 80 / ZEPLP 80
BCUC: The Road Is Never Easy (Outhere Records) OHCD 42 / OHLP 42
Souad Massi: Zagate (Backing Track Production) BTCD 2 / BTLP 2

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