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Vesevo: Tien'a Ment

LBW 13 / 0199199493141 / label: Liburia Records / format: CD / Italy - Popular

With their new album "Tien a ment" the trio Vesevo returns with a project deeply rooted in the traditional music of Southern Italy, pushing it toward unexplored and distinctly contemporary sonic horizons. The title, in Neapolitan dialect, means "remember" or "keep in mind," and serves as an urgent call not to forget who we are, where we come from, and to make memory a compass to navigate the present.



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.



Ahmed Mukhtar & Ignacio Lusardi Monteverde: Al-Hambra (out on August 22nd, 2025) EUCD 2972 / 5019396297227 / label: Arc Music / format: CD / Iraq-Argentina – Fusion

Ahmed Mukhtar and Ignacio Lusardi Monteverde release Al-hambra, a musical dialogue between oud and flamenco guitar. Al-hambra is a vibrant exploration of the deep musical and cultural ties between the Arab world and Andalusia over centuries. Inspired by a visit to the Alhambra Palace in Granada, Mukhtar was moved by echoes of familiar Islamic architecture, setting the stage for a cross-cultural journey through music. <u>Listen.</u>



The Good Ones: Rwanda Sings With Strings (out on August 29th, 2025)
GBCD 173 / 4030433617328 / label: Glitterbeat Records / format: CD / Rwanda – Popular
GBLP 173 / 4030433617311 / label: Glitterbeat Records / format: LP / Rwanda – Popular

The Rwandan duo returns with a resonant fifth album. The record combines their signature earthy vocals and acoustic instrumentation (guitar and hand percussion) with atmospheric cello and violin arrangements, creating a soundscape that vividly brings to life their powerful stories of resilience, memory, and longing. Listen.



Cerys Hafana: Angel (out on September 26th, 2025) GBCD 178 / 4030433617823 / label: tak:til / format: CD / Wales – Folk GBLP 178 / 4030433617816 / label: tak:til / format: LP / Wales – Folk

Acclaimed Welsh composer, singer and multi-instrumentalist Cerys Hafana's third album Angel, is a deep exploration of minimalism, traditional and avant-folk music and Hafana's primary instrument the Welsh triple harp. The album alternates between vocal songs (all sung in the Welsh language) and instrumentals. <u>Listen.</u>



Sirom: In The Wind Of Night, Hard-Fallen Incantations Whisper (out on October 3rd, 2025)

GBCD 179 / 4030433617922 / label: tak:til / format: CD / Slovenia – Folk GBLP 179 / 4030433617915 / label: tak:til / format: 2LP / Slovenia – Folk

The Slovenian avant-folk trio Sirom are back with a sonically and thematically expansive 5th album; a thrilling follow-up to their widely praised 2022 release The Liquified Throne of Simplicity. Navigating almost two dozen instruments (some of which they've handcrafted), and hypnotic. <u>Listen.</u>



Bijan Chemirani & Redi Hasa & Rami Khalife: L'Antidote (out on September 5th, 2025) PONCD 146 / 8030482004403 / label: Ponderosa / format: CD / Various – Fusion PONLP 42 / 8030482004427 / label: Ponderosa / format: CD / Various – Fusion

Bijan Chemirani, Redi Hasa and Rami Khalife, three virtuosos created L'Antidote, an instrumental repertoire of rare finesse that pits the healing power of music against the poisons of the present day. Dancing, feeling pleasure, hope and despair, crying, laughing, healing... a range of emotions that runs through. Listen.



Luigi Cinque: Kromosoma Maris (out on August 22nd, 2025) CDR 8063 / 8051944470000 / label: MRF5 rec / format: CD / Italy – Fusion

The multi-instrumentalist and eclectic artist Luigi Cinque, returns with his new and ambitious recording project, "KROMOSOMA MARIS," Conceived and assembled like a "musical film," the album is a diary of the present imbued with memories, unreleased tracks, and sonic flashbacks. It's a musical narrative that combines studio recordings with materials gathered during concerts and intercontinental musical journeys. <u>Listen.</u>



Viba: Harso

ECD 2025238 / 1983919432492 / label: Eclipose Music / format : CD / Finland-Singer-Songwriter

Singer-songwriter Viba has been performing her jazz-infused alt-pop since 2017 and is set to release her second album "Harso". Nordic melancholy, Finnish lyrics, gritty synthesizers and a band of visionary jazz musicians make Viba one of the most interesting names in Finnish alternative music.



Janeveera: Ohutnahkainen Narkissos

A 88001 / 1990662407240 / label: Eclipse Music / format: CD / Finland – Singer-Songwriter A 88002 / 1988467697768 / label: Eclipse Music / format: LP / Finland – Singer-Songwriter

Janeveera performs simple songs about complex issues. The catchy but sensitive songs are about love, conflicting emotions and sometimes toxic relationships. Psychological insights spice up the sweet soup. The melody is influenced by 70s folk, among other things.



Ninah: Pintaviiltoja

ECL 3296 / 9360932472247 / label: Eclipse Music / format: CD / Finland - Rock

NinaH, the lead singer of The Outer Sonics, Nina Hiironniemi, has made her first solo album. Surface Slices. "You have to make a solo album in your fifties," she says. Well, yes. NinaH's music is certainly not about salaciousness or jokey pastiche. From start to finish, it is the artist herself, her soul and her heart. And not too dark, although there is a mournful undertone to many of the songs. <u>Listen</u>.



Octopie: Green Divine

ECD 2024230 / 1988461996270 / label: Eclipse Music / format: 2CD / Finland - Rock

There's slick jams, amazing piano breakdowns, fantastic flutes, funky organs. what doesnt this album have, really? If youre a fan of progressive music, psychedelic music, or classic acts from the 60s and 70s, "Green Divine" is a masterpiece of musical talent and taste that will surely take you on an incredible hippy journey that might help you, too, reconnect with nature and music. You never know! Listen.



Alberto Rigoni: Nemesis Call

ECD 2024234 / 1988461758670 / label: Eclipse Music / format: CD / Italy - Rock

Alberto Rigonis album is a bold exploration of instrumental metal, progressive and neoclassical genres. With its intricate compositions and star-studded guestlist, the album promises to take the listener on an intense sonic journey, blending technical precision with emotional depth. Great for fans of Yngwie Malmsteen, Kiko Loureiro (Megadeth), Michael Romeo (Symphony X) and Guthrie Govan (The Aristocrats). Listen.



R Cut with Raoul Bjorkenheim & Esa Pietila: Space Jazz

ECD 2024231 / 1988461943946 / label: Eclipse Music / format: CD / Finland - Avantgarde

Finnish DJ and producer Roope Juola's, known as R Cut, album Space Jazz is an avant-garde exploration of jazz and electronic music and features award-winning Finnish saxophonist Esa Pietila and legendary guitarist Raoul Bjorkenheim. Space Jazz combines R Cuts dynamic electronic aesthetic with the exciting sounds of Pietilas saxophone and Bjarkenheims guitar. The collaboration spans six distinct tracks.



Piip: Pienet Ihmiset Isot Puut

ECD 2024235 / 1988461465394 / label: Eclipse Music / format: CD / Finland – Jazz

Piip has released its debut album, inspired by the current state of nature. The theme of nature can easily be deduced from the band's bird song title, which is itself a shortened form of the album's title. The band is led by saxophonist, composer and music educator Laura Helander, whose lush baritone and alto saxophone sounds are prominent in the touching and poignant songs. <u>Listen.</u>



Antti Lotjonen & Kalle Kalima: Stings, Bites and Scratches

ECD 2025241 / 6429830241300 / label: Eclipse Music / format: CD / Finland – Jazz ELP 202572 / 1990660855302 / label: Eclipse Music / format: LP / Finland – Jazz

Two Finnish gentlemen - Helsinki-based double bass player-composer-bandleader Antti Lotjonen and Berlinbased guitarist-composer-bandleader Kalle Kalima - team up for a debut duo album, Stings, Bites and Scratches. The albums insightfully scratches the surface of free jazz. <u>Listen.</u>



Jukka Haavisto: Live At Eclipse Jazz Club

ECD 2024236 / 1988465712180 / label: Eclipse Music / format: CD / Finland - Jazz

Live at Eclipse Jazz Club will follow Haavisto's acclaimed 2022 debut album, Reflections, which introduced audiences to his guitar-driven fusion sound. With influences rooted in iconic 70s fusion jazz, Reflections was praised for its compelling compositions and the synergy between Haavisto and his bandmates. Jukka Haavisto - bass, compositions; Johannes Granroth - guitar; Vili Itapelto - keyboards; Severi Sorjonen – drums. <u>Listen.</u>



Kadi Vija 3: Freedom

ECD 2025239 / 1990661270944 / label: Eclipse Music / format: CD / Finland – Jazz

Kadi Vija's unique approach to singing and improvisation is influenced by instrumental jazz music, flowing thoughts and abstraction. The group's instrumentation and Vija's compositions are reminiscent of traditional wind trio format, where the human voice now interprets the melodies usually played by wind instruments, accompanied by double bass player Mikael Saastamoinen and drummer Ville Luukkonen. 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 Branns signature melodic storytelling and Tardys expressive phrasing, creating a dynamic interplay between guitar and saxophone that is both adventurous and deeply rooted in jazz tradition.



Niels-Henning Orsted Pederson: Jaywalkin' (out on August 23rd, 2025)

G 1041 / € 21,90 / 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 Orsted Pedersen. Known for his impeccable technique and rich, resonant tone, Pedersens 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.



Paul Bollenback & Boris Kozlov: Synergie (out on September 5th, 2025) SCCD 31985 / 0716043198528 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz

Teaming up with bassist Boris Kozlov, Bollenback explores new musical territories with a mix of original compositions by Bollenback and Kozlov, along with jazz standards that highlight their exceptional musical connection and rhythmic synergy. Renowned for his versatility and dynamism on the guitar, Bollenback's unique approach to jazz and blues has earned him accolades from legends like George Benson.



Scott Lee: Streamers (out on September 12th, 2025)

SCCD 31986 / 0716043198627 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / USA - Jazz

Veteran bassist Scott Lee, renowned for his innovative compositions and masterful performances, brings a fresh and dynamic energy to this his fourth release on SteepleChase. Lees vision of the bass as a melodic force, alongside pianist Vazquez and drummer Hirshfield, pushes the narrative in unexpected directions. Since moving to NY in the late 70s. Lee has worked with Chet Baker, Lee Konitz, and others.



Johnny Dyani: Witchdoctor's Son (out on September 19th, 2025) G 1098 / 0716043109814 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: LP / USA – Jazz

The timeless brilliance of jazz with the remastered edition of Johnny Dyani's Witchdoctor's Son, originally recorded in 1978 brings together musicians from South Africa, Denmark, and Brazil, blending their unique styles with the rich heritage of American jazz. The presence of John Tchicai, a stalwart of the New York jazz scene, adds depth to this remarkable record. The music is deeply rooted in South African traditions. <u>Listen.</u>



Servillo/Girotto/Bosso/Marcotulli/Di Castri/ Barbieri: Pensieri E Parole – Canzoni Di Lucio Battisti MPRCD 194 / 8052141492215 / label: Parco della Musica / format: CD / ltaly – Jazz

The recontextualising fantasy of jazz thus meets one of the most intimate, lyrical and personal authors of Italian song. Girotto's arrangements and Peppe Servillo's theatrical flair trace new, evocative and unexpected paths, full of Latin flavours and enveloping rhythms, through many of Battisti's songs. The boundaries between popular and sophisticated music, between pop and jazz, blur. Listen.

Transglobal World Music Chart August 2025

- # Hawa & Kasse Mady Diabate: Toumaro (One World Records) KMDONE 25 / KMDONEV 25
- # Ammar 808: Club Tounsi (Glitterbeat Records) GBCD 170 / GBLP 170
- # Kaabi Kouyate: Tribute To Kandia (Buda Musique) BUDA 860404
- # StefanoSaletti: Mediterranima (Materiali Sonori (MASOCD 90205
- # Grecia Albán: Nubes Selva (Folkalist Records) FOLKCD 4
- # Kankou Kouyate: N'Darila (One World Records) KKONE 25
- # Brighde Chaimbeul: Sunwise (tak:til Glitterbeat Records) GBCD 176 / GBLP 176
- # Park Jiha: All Living Things (tak:til -Glitterbeat Records) GBCD 165 / GBLP 165

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#Brighde Chaimbeul: Sunwise (tak:til - Glitterbeat Records) GBCD 176 / GBLP 176

Elena Baklava: Yorukluk (CPL Music) CPLCD 71 / CPLLP 71 # StefanoSaletti: Mediterranima (Materiali Sonori (MASOCD 90205

#Ammar 808: Club Tounsi (Glitterbeat Records) GBCD 170 / GBLP 170

Kadialy Kouyate: Tona (ARC Music) EUCD 2977

Kaabi Kouyate: Tribute To Kandia (Buda Musique) BUDA 860404

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