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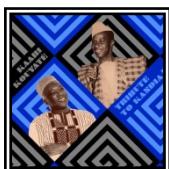
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Kaabi Kouyate: Tribute To Kandia

BUDA 860404 / 3341348604046 / label: Buda Musique / format: CD / Guinea – Popular

Through its choice of repertoire, this tribute recounts the mental geography of Sory Kandia Kouyat and his place in the Mandinka griot tradition of epic song. Contemporary heritage: this was the goal set for himself by Sory Kandia Kouyat. Kaabi worked in the same spirit, admitting that he needed time to understand the scope of such a legacy.



Al Bilali Soudan: Chez Aballou

CLECD 78 / 0769165889645 / label: Clermont Music / format: CD / Mali – Touareg

CLELP 78 / 0769165889652 / label: Clermont Music / format: LP / Mali – Touareg

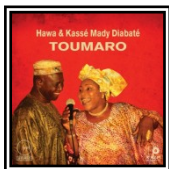
Sparking by passion, and experience generate an improvisational tour de force melding tradition, rhythm and scale. From Tombouctou Mali, these bravura players have performed together for generations. Pairing blazing strings with insistent percussion, Al Bilali Soudans cultural roots represent the source of trance desert blues.



Kadialy Kouyate: Tona (out on June 27th, 2025)

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 on June 27th, 2025; 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.



Efen Lopez & Ciro Montanari & Jordi Prats: Mel

WWWCD 29 / 0792105349534 / label: Worlds Within Worlds / format: CD / Various – Fusion

Efen Lopez, Ciro Montanari & Jordi Prats (formerly 3,14) return with their boundary-pushing second album, MEL, which blends Indian classical, Ottoman, Persian, and Mediterranean traditions in an immersive sonic journey. With MEL, they invite listeners into a vivid, ever-shifting sound world - one where reverence for ancient forms meets a fearless spirit of invention.



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.

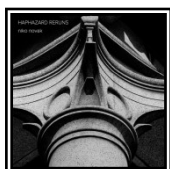


Ward Dhoore: It Was All Heart

TRADCD 37 / 6096419775763 / label: Trad Records / format: CD / Belgium – Folk

TRADLP 37 / 6096419878808 / label: Trad Records / format: LP / Belgium – Folk

Solo debut of Ward Dhoore (Trio Dhoore, Spilar); acoustic, almost cinematic music with influences from folk, classical and indie. With his solo debut, he brings a compelling mix of minimalist, neo-classical and cinematic music. Ward's atmospheric impressions are deeply rooted in personal experiences and stories. [Listen.](#)



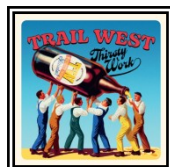
Niko Novak: Haphazard Reruns (out on June 27th, 2025)**POCMCD 2502 / 0826863250228 / label: Ports Of Call Music / format: CD / Slovenia – Blues**

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.](#)



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.](#)



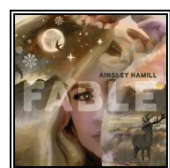
Trail West: Thirsty Work**CDTW 3 / 5060358923913 / label: Birnam / format: CD / Scotland – Folk**

An explosive six-piece line-up with strong links to the Western Highlands and Islands, Trail West are a band who continue to rise in popularity from their modest roots as a four-piece West Coast Ceilidh Band to a formidable Live Act worthy of any festival stage. The band began as a four-piece ceilidh band from the Western Highlands and Islands. [Listen.](#)



Alison McMorland & Jo Miller & Kirsty Potts: Some Ballads Of Anna Gordon, Mrs Brown Of Falkland**AGB 1 / 0880992168304 / label: Birnam / format: 2CD / Scotland – Folk**

Classic versions of twelve ballads from one of the earliest and most famous Scottish sources in a double CD, with notes and commentary by leading singers and scholars. The repertoire of Anna Gordon, collected in the closing years of the eighteenth century, has long been a standard reference-point for folklorists but never before has it actually been heard. [Listen.](#)



Ainsley Hamill: Fable**AVHCD 3 / 5060358923876 / label: Birnam / format: CD / Scotland – Folk**

Step into a world of haunting beauty and timeless tales with Fable, the highly anticipated new album by Ainsley Hamill. Inspired by Scotland's rich folklore, Ainsley's breathtaking collection weaves together Trad Gaelic, Scots, and original compositions, creating a modern fable through song. Fable delivers an unforgettable sonic journey. [Listen.](#)



Fiona Soe Paing: Sand, Silt, Flint**FSPCD 2024 / 0880992167901 / label: Birnam / format: CD / Scotland – Folk**

Inspired by the folklore, landscape, language and rich balladry tradition of North East Scotland, each track on "Sand, Silt, Flint" is linked to a specific location and its story, with five new arrangements of traditional ballads, and five new compositions. [Listen.](#)



Alastair Savage & Alice Allen: Where The Good Ship Lands**SAVCD 7 / 0880992161510 / label: Birnam / format: 2CD / Scotland – Folk**

Cellist Alice Allen is on somewhat of a roll these days, her muse becoming ridiculously productive, both as a solo artist and in the many collaborations she is stacking up. Savage maybe less well known, he is a classically trained fiddler, with a handful of solo works behind him, each embracing the foundations of Scottish traditional fiddle, bridging a folk/classical divide, actually not so far removed from Allens own modus operandi. [Listen.](#)



Alice Allen: Bass Culture – Live At Celtic Connection 2024**ARDCD 5 / 5060358923951 / label: Birnam / format: CD / Scotland – Folk**

Bass Culture is the new album from Aberdeenshire cellist Alice Allen. This album is Alices contribution to the New Voices legacy at Glasgows annual Celtic Connections festival. Recorded live in January 2024, this album is Alices first project of original compositions, inspired by traditional themes and her rich musical life as a freelance cellist living in Scotland. [Listen.](#)



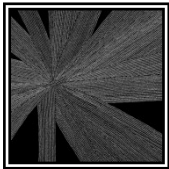
Queralt Lahoz: 9:30 PM**SILRCD 27 / 8435307620354 / label: Say It Loud / format: CD / Spain – Flamenco-HipHop****SILRLP 27 / 8435307620347 / label: Say It Loud / format: LP / Spain – Flamenco-HipHop**

Queralt Lahoz is the new Spanish promise of urban/flamenco music, blending flamenco tradition and hip-hop with poetry and a vindictive message. The artist has successfully harnessed the appeal of the unclassifiable thanks to a style marked by fusion and a wealth of references ranging from flamenco to hip-hop. [Listen.](#)



ZOJ: Give Water To Birds**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.



Amina Claudine Myers: Solace Of The Mind**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.



Ignasi Terraza Trio: With Respect To Oscar And Niels**SWITCD 45 / 8427702900452 / label: Swit Records / format: CD / Spain – Jazz**

Throughout his long and brilliant career, pianist Oscar Peterson had two partners who helped shape his seminal trio style: bassists Ray Brown and Niels-Henning Orsted Pedersen. Their contributions were quite different: if Brown concentrated on the considerably rhythmic concept of walkingly advanced undercurrent with their harmonically advanced background with his solos with wind instrument-like phrasing. [Listen.](#)



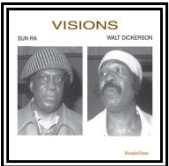
Stan Getz & Joao Gilberto: Getz / Gilberto**SHELL 47 / 8435307619754 / label: Shellac / format: LP / Brazil – Popular**

Getz/Gilberto is an album by American saxophonist Stan Getz and Brazilian guitarist Joao Gilberto, featuring pianist and composer Antônio Carlos Jobim (Tom Jobim), who also composed many of the tracks. It was released in March 1964 by Verve Records. The album features the vocals of Astrud Gilberto on two tracks, "Garota de Ipanema" ("The Girl from Ipanema") and "Corcovado".



Tony Miceli: Nico's Dream**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 Miceli's 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 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.](#)



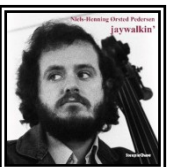
Ivan Farkovskiy: Epic Power (out on August 8th, 2025)**SCCD 31991 / 0716043199129 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / Russia – Jazz**

Renowned Russian jazz pianist Ivan Farkovskiy makes his highly anticipated debut on SteepleChase Records with a stunning new album. Blending his signature hard-bop style with modern jazz sensibilities, Farkovskiy 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.



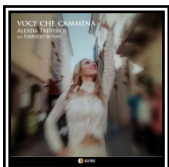
Niels-Henning Orsted Pederson: Jaywalkin' (out on August 23rd, 2025)**G 1041 / 0716043104116 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: LP / Denmark – Jazz**

SteepleChase proudly presents the 2025 audiophile reissue of Jaywalkin', the iconic 1976 album by legendary Danish jazz bassist Niels-Henning Orsted 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.



Alessia Trevisol: Voce Che Cammina**AFMCD 320 / 8032050025018 / label: Alfa Music / format: CD / Italy – Jazz**

Voce che cammina is a meeting of Italian metrics, jazz harmony and modern pop influences. It is an album that cannot be defined as jazz, that cannot be defined as pop, but is a combination of the two sounds. It is a hybrid, as I like to say; for I have learnt that in life there is not only black or white, but there is also grey. I don't like labels, I much prefer to follow my instincts, and if one morning I want to be more rock or more soul.



GB Project: Made In Ra First Period**AFPCD 240 / 8032050025094 / label: Alfa Music / format: CD / Italy – Jazz**

GB Project, the stage name of pianist and composer Gilberto Mazzotti, who wanted to imprint on a CD a work that had already been constructed and conceived many years ago, now rediscovered and returned to the public with the colours of a mastering that gave it the power and energy that were his own in live performances. A work made up of musical encounters and multi-coloured influences.



Elisabetta Guido: I Sing Nicola (Omaggio a Nicola Arigliano 100!)**AFMCD 296 / 8032050025063 / label: Alfa Music / format: CD / Italy – Jazz**

Elisabetta Guido is a jazz singer, songwriter and pianist. She has performed throughout Europe in a career spanning more than 20 years. She has worked for Rai 1 Great Events Productions and has collaborated and recorded with big names such as Renzo Arbore, Paolo Belli, Flavio Boltro, Fabrizio Bosso and many others. She was included in the Dictionary of European Jazz Women in Music (published by Colombo - Rome).



BDB Trio: No Discount**AFMCD 321 / 8032050025032 / label: Alfa Music / format: CD / Italy – Jazz**

Their musical approach based on the balance between tension and release, characteristics, rigour and surprises, combined with a broad spectrum of sonic and instrumental dynamics, have created a tangible atmosphere that reaches the listener directly. Fusion guitarist Eddie Beho with Dinko Simunovic (bass) and Boris Sikuljak (drums), are back with their first album as a trio. [Listen.](#)



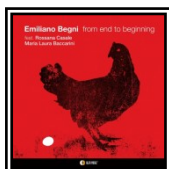
Mauro Ferrari: MoonLanding – Science And Music For Love**AFMCD 322 / 8032050025056 / label: Alfa Music / format: CD / Italy – Jazz**

Science and music, together. One mission: to serve those who need you. No exceptions, no excuses. Fuelled and motivated by love, to spread love. Love! The Third and most important Pillar of Science! In summary (and with good grace to Paul of Tarsus and his Corinthian readers): Knowledge, Motivation and Love. But of the three, the most important is Love. That is what this album is about.



Luca Signorini (feat. Maria Pia De Vito): Violoncelliade**AFMCD 319 / 8032050024455 / label: Alfa Music / format: CD / Italy – Jazz**

The strength of Violoncelliade lies in the enthusiasm of the ensemble's members, all young students from the Conservatorio di Musica San Pietro a Majella in Naples, and in the support the ensemble receives from the institution, without which it would not have been possible for me to carry out this fascinating project. [Listen.](#)



Emiliano Begni feat. Rossana Casale & Maria Laura Baccarini: From End To Beginning**AFMCD 323 / 8032050025070 / label: Alfa Music / format: CD / Italy – Jazz**

After years of collaborations and projects that have ranged from jazz, to theatre, to singer-songwriter music, this record represents the point of arrival and, at the same time, the starting point for my musical journey. Rather than a first work, I would define it as a summa of my desire to experiment and to germinate the seeds gathered over the years of observing, studying, absorbing, poking around.

Transglobal World Music Chart June 2025

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- # Park Jiha: All Living Things (tak:til -Glitterbeat Records) GBCD 165 / GBLP 165
- # Mehmet Polat Quartet: Roots In Motion (Aftab Records) MP 25
- # Los Piranas: Una Oportunidad Mas De Triunfar En La Vida (Glitterbeat Records) GBCD 167 / GBLP 167
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