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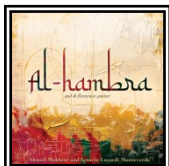
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## NIEUWE RELEASES NR. 15 – 2025



**Ahmed Mukhtar & Ignacio Lusardi Monteverde: Al-Hambra**

**EUCD 2972 / 5019396297227 / label: Arc Music / format: CD / Iraq-Argentina – Fusion**

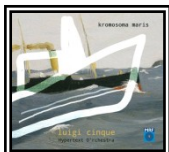
Ahmed Mukhtar and Ignacio Lusardi Monteverde release Al-hambra, a musical dialogue between oud and flamenco guitar. Al-hambra is a vibrant exploration of the deep musical and cultural ties between the Arab world and Andalusia over centuries. Inspired by a visit to the Alhambra Palace in Granada, Mukhtar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



**Eljuri: Asi es el Mundo**

**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.](#)



**Luigi Cinque: Kromosoma Maris**

**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. [Listen.](#)



**The Good Ones: Rwanda Sings With Strings (out on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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. [Listen.](#)



**Sirom: In The Wind Of Night, Hard-Fallen Incantations Whisper (out on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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. [Listen.](#)



**Bijan Chemirani & Redi Hasa & Rami Khalife: L'Antidote (out on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025)**

**PONCD 146 / 8030482004403 / label: Ponderosa / format: CD / Various – Fusion**

**PONLP 42 / 8030482004427 / label: Ponderosa / format: CD / Various – Fusion**

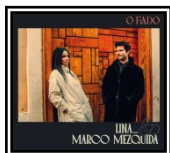
Bijan Chemirani, Redi Hasa and Rami Khalife, three virtuosos created L'Antidote, an instrumental repertoire of rare finesse that pits the healing power of music against the poisons of the present day. Dancing, feeling pleasure, hope and despair, crying, laughing, healing... a range of emotions that runs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



**Tania Saleh: Fragile**

**AST 2501 / 4250095888380 / label: Association Tantune / format: CD / Lebanon – Popular**

The idea for this album came to me after I had to leave my home country of Lebanon due to a series of issues that forced me to start my life over in exile. I had an imaginary conversation with a tree, a seagull and a fish to try to understand the concept of "territory" from their perspective. While waiting to find my place on this globe, I found refuge in the fragility of my suitcase. [Listen.](#)



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**Lina & Marco Mezquida: O Fado (out on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025)****GMCCD 115 / 4250095801150 / label: Galileo Music / format: CD / Portugal-Spain – Fado****GMCLP 115 / 4250095811159 / label: Galileo Music / format: LP / Portugal-Spain – Fado**

On this album, the piano and the voice do not compete - they listen to each other, creating complicity. They seek each other and complement each other. And, in the end, they create a place where fado breathes with other colors, other words, other pauses. A place that could only exist from this encounter. [Listen.](#)



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**Various: Bardentreffen 2025****FG 8 / 4251329504106 / label: Folk Galore / format: CD / Various – World Music**

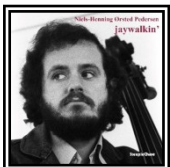
From 1 to 3 August 2025, the Bardentreffen Festival took place in Nurnberg for the 48th time. In 2025, this beloved festival classic has spotlighted the theme "Respect!"-a virtue more relevant and essential than ever. The Bardentreffen CD sampler is back again this year. Folk Galore has selected 17 artists and compiled them into an atmospheric collection.



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**Craig Brann: For The Record****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.



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**Niels-Henning Orsted Pederson: Jaywalkin'****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.



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**Paul Bollenback & Boris Kozlov: Synergie (out on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.



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**Scott Lee: Streamers (out on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 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. Lee's 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.



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**Johnny Dyani: Witchdoctor's Son (out on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 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. [Listen.](#)



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**Chris Byars Sextet: The Dark Forest (out on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025)****SCCD 31987 / 0716043198726 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

Saxophonist-composer Chris Byars, praised as a modern master of ensemble writing and conceptual storytelling, delivers new album The Dark Forest—his fifteenth release on SteepleChase and perhaps his most introspective to date. Byars' signature Original Jazz Sextet achieves remarkable harmonic and emotional depth through intricate voicings and counterpoint.



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**Jason Palmer & Kevin Harris: Shorter Songs (out on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025)****SCCD 31993 / 0716043199327 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

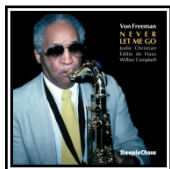
Jason Palmer presents his boldest artistic statement to date with this intimate duo recording. Shorter Songs pays homage to jazz legend Wayne Shorter. Joined by acclaimed pianist Kevin Harris—his longtime musical ally—Palmer explores the emotional and harmonic depth of Shorter's writing while bringing his own contemporary sensibilities into play.



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**Andy LaVerne: Crystal Night (out on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025)****SCCD 31988 / 0716043198825 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

Andy LaVerne stands as one of jazz's most quietly fearless innovators. His new project, Crystal Night, expands the dynamic chemistry of his acclaimed trio—bassist Mike Richmond and drummer Jason Tiemann—by adding vibraphone's rising star Sasha Berliner, whose artistry evokes the spirit of Bobby Hutcherson and Gary Burton while charting her own path. This quartet offering features ten newly written LaVerne compositions.



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**Von Freeman: Never Let Me Go (out on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025)****G 1310 / 0716043131013 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: LP / USA – Jazz**

Earle Lavon "Von" Freeman Sr. (October 3, 1923 – August 11, 2012) was a revered and most loved elder of the jazz scene in the Windy City. Von has been on producer Nils Winther's top priority list of the musicians he wanted to record. The dream came true in the late spring of 1992,. Von's powerful tenor is tastefully supported by his trusted rhythm section of Jodie Christian (piano), Eddie De Haas bass) and Wilbur Campbell (drums).

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**Cesaria Evora: Anthologie – Mornas & Coladeras****TM 68837 / 0764916883729 / label: Tropical Music / format: 2CD / Cabo Verde – Popular**

Cape Verdean producer Jose da Silva, who lived in France, discovered Cesaria Evora and opened the door to a career in Europe. Her brilliant bandleader Paulino Vieira made Cape Verdean music more accessible to an international audience by adding elements of jazz, soul, Latin and blues to the morna. Evora has a warm, lived-in alto voice with which she effortlessly transports listeners into a state of melancholy and nostalgia. [Listen.](#)



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**Cesaria Evora: La Diva Aux Pieds Nus****TM 68832 / 0764916883224 / label: Tropical Music / format: CD / Cabo Verde – Popular**

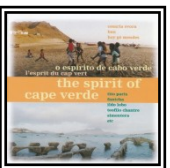
La Diva Aux Pieds Nus is the first album by Cesaria Evora, released in 1988. It was the first album recorded by the independent label company Lusafrica. The album sold 3,000 vinyl records, mainly by the Cape Verdean community. The album title is the French name for her nickname, the "Barefoot Diva". [Listen.](#)



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**Cesaria Evora: Cabo Verde****TM 68986 / 0764916898624 / label: Tropical Music / format: CD / Cabo Verde – Popular**

If a fortune teller had predicted her future as a world-famous singer, Cesaria Evora (1941-2011) would have declared her insane. However, she did come from a musical family, as troubadour B. Leza was her uncle. Born and raised on Sao Vicente, Evora managed to earn a living at a young age by singing in nightclubs in the port city of Mindelo. [Listen.](#)



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**Various: The Spirit Of Cape Verde****TM 68998 / 0764916899829 / label: Tropical Music / format: CD / Cabo Verde – Popular**

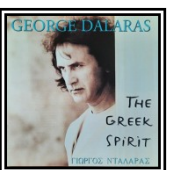
The music of Cape Verde came to the forefront of the world music scene when Cesaria Evora's deeply touching treatment of the minor key mornas struck a chord of longing with Western audiences. This collection of songs includes styles like Tabanca, Funana, Coladeira, and Batuco. That such a broad pastiche of color could come from these minute islands is a testament to the collective spirit of a great nation. [Listen.](#)



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**Georges Dalaras: Shining Nights****TM 68851 / 0764916885129 / label: Tropical Music / format: CD / Greece – Popular**

Songs born out of friendships, companionship, and sharing life and time with composers and lyricists, proving that music for George Dalaras and his friends is not just a job, but a very important part of their personal lives. Extroverted songs with inventive arrangements, built on a common code of communication that is easy for the listener to "break into" and become part of the group. [Listen.](#)



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**Georges Dalaras: The Greek Spirit****TM 68966 / 0764916896620 / label: Tropical Music / format: CD / Greece – Popular**

Greek singer with a sense of history. As one of his country's most popular musical exports, Dalaras (Piraeus 1949) introduces rembetiko to a new generation. This pre-war "poor man's music" is revived by Dalaras and his contemporaries in the 1970s. In addition, Dalaras plays various styles, both Greek and international material. This earns him star status in his own country.

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**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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**World Music Charts Europe August 2025**

- #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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