

COSMIC JUGGLING

KASPER SØEBORG

with NANTHA KUMAR

featuring LUIS GALLO

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Back in 2009, on the small, exotic volcanic island El Hierro, during an international World Music festival, Danish guitarist & composer Kasper Søbørg made very fine friends with the tabla player Nantha Kumar. Nantha was born and raised in Singapore but has now chosen Madrid in Spain to be the musical home of his life.

Their musical meeting ground is Kasper Søbørg's guitar music and the energetic Flamenco tradition. Through Nantha Kumar's tabla drumming the profound spirituality of Indian music is added, too, with their commonly shared artistic references to f.i. The Mahavishnu Orchestra a.o.

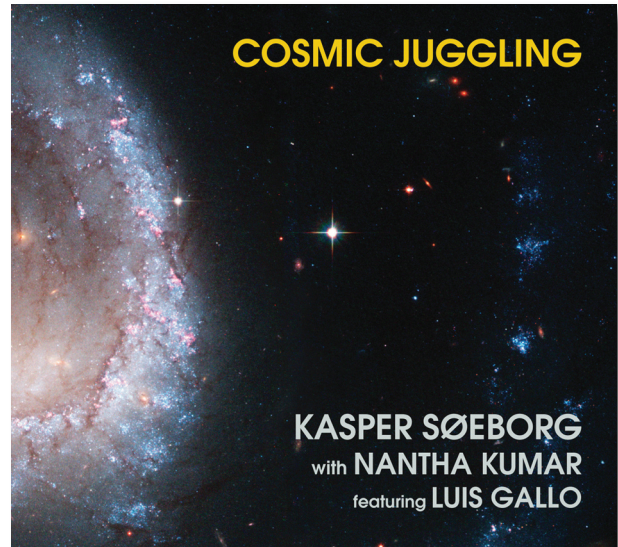
On this new "Cosmic Juggling" album, Kasper is - predominantly - playing the 12-stringed guitar. That great guitar instrument - because of its richness of overtones and subtle harmonics - owns many characteristics similar with the Indian sitar. This is the background of the new album which is furthermore being elegantly spiced up with powerful Flamenco guitar passages performed by Luis Gallo.

The album title, along with the breathtaking photos from the grand Hubble telescope, expresses the hope that the music shall, at best, mirror that immense and eternal, utter mystery: That we are all existing here in the universe and that the dust of the stars, literally, can be found inside every one of us - is the matter that we all originate from.

We hardly can't help "wondering" - as in the fairytale "Alice in Wonderland"- and it keeps us filled with joy, as f.i. in "The Galaxy Song", from the Monty Python movie "The Meaning of Life":

So remember, when you're feeling
very small and insecure
How amazingly unlikely is your birth
And pray that there's intelligent life
somewhere up in space
'Cause there's bugga all down here on Earth !

By Idle, Eric/Du Prez, John



Kasper Søbørg, living and working in Copenhagen, Denmark, is a most experienced and creative guitarist and composer with 8 CDs and 3 monumental printed guitar music publications on his CV. Web: cyborg.dk

Nantha Kumar is truly a global musician. He has toured in more than 30 countries and performed with numerous internationally renowned Jazz & World Music notabilities, like f.i.: The violin virtuoso L. Subramaniam, the tabla & percussion master Zakir Hussain, Richard Bona, Dennis Chambers, Sixun, Torsten De Winkel, a.o. In the realm of Flamenco music: Juan Manuel Carnizares, Guadalquivir, Jorge Pardo, Manglis Luis Cobo a.o. Web: nanthakumar.com

Luis Gallo is one of the busiest touring young "flamenco guitar lions" of all and is frequently giving concerts together with other famous Spanish musicians. Luis Gallo is also a member of violin virtuoso Ara Malikain's "Ara Malikian Ensemble" and "The Mahavishnu Flamenco Project". Nantha Kumar is involved in both of these constellations, also. Link: Listen to Luis Gallo on YouTube, f.i.: "Bulería del Tritón". Below photo: Silje Vallentin Theodorsen



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