



## HJIROK Hjirok

Label

**ALTIN VILLAGE & MINE**

Format

**LP**

Catalog Number

**AVM 077LP**

UPC

880918261652



Store Price

**\$21.99**

Release Date

**03/08/24**

Territory

**NORTH AMERICAN EXCLUSIVE**

Genre

**FILE UNDER - H - ELECTRONIC**



### DESCRIPTION

**Hjirok** is a mythical figure, conceived as a fictional character by Iranian-born Kurdish singer and artist **Hani Mojahedy**. Together with versatile music producer **And Toma** of **Mouse On Mars**, she combined a variety of sounds collected during their joint travels to Iraqi Kurdistan and elsewhere with heavily processed recordings of Sufi drum rhythms and setar melodies. The result is a driving, dubbed-out, and deeply intricate soundscape that perfectly sets the stage for Mojahedy's extended, unconventional vocal techniques and polyglot lyrics. Both informed by tradition and rigorously forward-looking, *Hjirok* (with a lowercase J) is at once a profoundly personal album and a universal utopian promise. As a ghost from the past, Hjirok draws on Mojahedy's memories to mould a new future out of them. The foundation for *Hjirok* was laid in the city of Erbil in the Kurdish part of Iraq. During one of their stays in the region, Mojahedy and Toma recorded the three percussionists **Hadi Alizadeh**, **Jawad Salkhordeh**, and **Serdar Saydan** as well as setar player **Ali Choolaei** from Mojahedy's backing band while they were playing the rhythms and notes that she had grown up with in the house of her grandfather in the Iranian city of Sanandaj. Her memories of that place revolve around hypnotic Sufi music, dervishes in deep trance, and ecstatic singing. Much like this music seemed to open a portal to other dimensions, the inhabitants of the house lived in a sort of alternative reality: It provided them with a hideaway from political circumstances. What the album conjures up from Mojahedy's memory is not only a very specific place during a unique time in history as experienced by a single person. It is also a metaphorical home open to anyone who wishes to enter – promise of a better, more egalitarian future for everyone. Hence, Hjirok will bring it on tour, presenting the material as an audio-visual live show that makes use of the photo and video material that Mojahedy and Toma have collected during their travels through Kurdistan.

### TRACKLISTING

01. Sanandaj (6:12)
02. Hjirok Rock (5:03)
03. Yahu (6:05)
04. Jin Bo Chie (6:01)
05. Maly Men (6:04)
06. Meselek (5:20)
07. Goman (6:30)
08. Tehran (5:41)

### HIGHLIGHTS

- **Hjirok** is a mythical figure, conceived as a fictional character by Iranian-born Kurdish singer and artist **Hani Mojahedy**.
- Together with versatile music producer **And Toma** of **Mouse On Mars**, Mojahedy combined a variety of sounds collected during their joint travels to Iraqi Kurdistan and elsewhere with heavily processed recordings of Sufi drum rhythms and setar melodies.
- Both informed by tradition and rigorously forward-looking, *Hjirok* (with a lowercase J) is at once a profoundly personal album and a universal utopian promise.

**Press Contact:** [publicity@forcedexposure.com](mailto:publicity@forcedexposure.com)

Exclusively Distributed by

**FORCED EXPOSURE**

60 Lowell St, Arlington, MA 02476  
ph: (781) 321-0320 • fx: (781) 321-0321  
[fe@forcedexposure.com](mailto:fe@forcedexposure.com)