



DIEGO GAETA Fearlessly Accessing The Divine Spirit Of Freedom From Here On Out

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DESCRIPTION

Fearlessly Accessing the Divine Spirit From Here on Out is the vinyl debut from Los Angeles pianist, composer, and producer **Diego Gaeta**. He has previously released projects as **Club Diego** and with the trio **Human Error Club** (whose members **Mekala Session** and **Jesse Justice** helped produce this record). He's become a fixture in various musical environments, working with **Lionmilk**, **The Pan Afrikan Peoples Arkestra**, **Carlos Niño**, **Photay**, and **Black Nile**, among others. This album is a synthesis of many of those relationships, and carries chamber, jazz, ambient, and folk influences, ultimately giving it an uncategorizable feel similar to works by **Arthur Verocai** or **David Axelrod**. Gaeta recorded the initial ideas for the album by himself after experiencing a burst of creativity during the lockdown of 2020, in the aftermath of a season of protests in Los Angeles, on a piano at his home in El Sereno. Once he had created the tracks as Ableton sessions, he realized the gravity and context of how he was processing his ideas so he, as he puts it, "felt like taking them outside the hands of midi and into the hands of friends." Gaeta was able to assemble his dream band, which ended up being a nine-piece ensemble, or a nonet. The recording process began the following summer in June 2021 as the musicians were all adjusting to the newfound dynamic of getting tested for COVID, waiting a few days, and then meeting up to record. The title track and single, featuring vocals by **Jimetta Rose**, begins with a speech by Gaeta delivered when playing with **Black Nile** in 2019 at the Levitt Amphitheatre in MacArthur Park. **Moor Mother** and **Zeroh** are found on their respective tracks, "Memory Screen" and "Eccolo" – both delivering a distinct, commanding vocal performance. **Low Leaf** colors the track "Soft Spot" with harp, a beautiful ballad nestled in the center of the album. Other players include **Gregory Uhlmann** on guitar, **Jon Kaye** on violin, **Devin Daniels** on alto saxophone, **Caleb Buchanan** on bass, **Dante Luna** on vibraphone, **Patrick Behnke** on viola, **Bryan Baker** on tenor saxophone/flute, and **Mekala Session** on drums.

TRACKLISTING

01. Caracal (6:08)
02. Fearlessly (feat. **Jimetta Rose**) (6:18)
03. Gracefully (3:11)
04. Soft Spot (feat. **Low Leaf**) (3:46)
05. Uprising (4:24)
06. Eccolo (feat. **Zeroh**) (5:31)
07. The World and Within (6:08)
08. Memorial (feat. **Moor Mother**) (4:14)

HIGHLIGHTS

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