



ALLAN GILBERT BALON The Magnesia Suite

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DESCRIPTION

Recital presents composer **Allan Gilbert Balon**'s first full-length LP. Born 1986 in Les Abymes on the island of Guadeloupe, Balon is an artist (exhibiting at MoMA PS1 in 2022) who publishes beautiful handmade books and audio on XYÄ Edition run with **Uta Guan Hyë** in Créteil, France where he now resides. *The Magnesia Suite* harbors an unhurried, coastal tranquility that flows lucidly as an album. Though prominently a pianist, a breadth of Balon's musical spheres are visited on this record. Disparate elements of percussion, reeds, organ, voice, and tape recordings are all cast together. Each slowly excavated, surveyed and then set away. "Stella Maris" opens with an organ and voice procession in the vein of a **Charlemagne Palestine** singing piece. "Lustras" is a patchwork of various tape captures (a la **Alvin Curran**, **Rip Hayman**, or **André Thomkins**); piano clusters dredge into xylophone by night with cicadas swimming in radio transmissions. First hearing the track "Pleuro Delez Waltz" is what made Recital approach Allan about making an album. The proximity of the voices against the small percussions, all laced with Balon's piano stylings. The album ends with "Ogadia," a gentle piano march with soprano saxophone and electronics. Feels like a **Dave Burrell**-infused rag played slowly, beautifully resolving the outsider-jazz-sound-art-poetry-collages of *The Magnesia Suite*. The LP includes a booklet of quiet texts and beautiful graphic scores.

TRACKLISTING

01. Stella Maris (7:13)
02. Lustras (10:34)
03. Pleuro Delez Waltz (4:39)
04. S.O.S Dolphin bay club (4:44)
05. Ogadia (8:43)

HIGHLIGHTS

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- RIYL: **Charlemagne Palestine**, **Alvin Curran**, **Rip Hayman**, or **André Thomkins**, **Dave Burrell**.

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