



## ELEPHANT9 WITH TERJE RYPDAL Catching Fire

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### DESCRIPTION

In 2019, **Elephant9** released two double live albums, *Psychedelic Backfire I* and *II*, the latter with guest guitarist **Reine Fiske**, whose favorite guitarist happened to be **Terje Rypdal**. With both albums out of print, *Catching Fire* is a most welcome addition to their discography. Recorded at a remarkable concert from 2017 in Oslo, Rypdal would turn 70 later in the year. **David Fricke** makes some interesting references to classic live albums in his liner notes, and Rune Grammofon would like to add **King Crimson**'s underrated USA and numerous **Pink Floyd** 1970 live bootlegs into the equation, sharing the common energy level and sense of untamed intensity. That said, there are also stretches of calm at play here, especially in the 22-minute opener where Rypdal introduces himself with some trademark, glacier melodic lines. Rypdal is on fire throughout, adding some fierce rhythm work and abstract acrobatics from his toolbox. **Ståle** and **Terje** are sometimes so interlocked that it's difficult to tell them apart. This is partly because the album is mixed to get a sense of being at the concert, by not overly trying to separate them, but primarily due to a common understanding stemming from Ståle being the guitarist's "right hand" both in the studio and on stage for close to 30 years. Torstein and Nikolai is the most solid of rhythm sections, a well-oiled engine, finesse and power combined. Elephant9 established their reputation as a live powerhouse well before their album debut in 2008 and have since released six more studio albums as well as the live albums from 2019. Terje Rypdal's musical history dates back to the early sixties as a teenage member of **The Vanguards**, and **The Dream** a few years later.

### TRACKLISTING

01. I Cover The Mountain Top (22:18)
02. Dodovoodoo (21:28)
03. Psychedelic Backfire (12:37)
04. John Tinnick (4:57)
05. Fugl Fønix (10:42)
06. Skink (8:32)

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