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DESCRIPTION

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Denis Blackham: "Fast forward to 2024 and here I am again with the same original master mixes I used in 2003 to make a new and expanded version of the album – *Venice 20*. A little over twenty years later, technology in audio production, recording and mastering has improved substantially, so I was excited to return to this album and give my 2024 treatment."

Christian Fennesz: "Over months, I collected material for the album: short recordings of acoustic and electric guitars, experiments with newly introduced soft synths and samplers, and field recordings, sometimes done on the go and directly in Venice, where I stayed for several weeks. The sound and acoustics of the city fascinated me. From my room, you could clearly hear conversations at night with the window open, but it was uncertain whether they came from the neighboring house or several blocks away, as if the sound waves in Venice followed their own rules. It was during this time that the idea for *Venice* as an album title came to me, as a suggestive description of a dignified decline, decay, death, and rebirth. David Sylvian's lyrics and vocal performance for "Transit" perfectly encapsulated this idea for me. The piece remains a highlight of a wonderful, ongoing collaboration."

TRACKLISTING

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| 01. Rivers of Sand | 08. Transit |
| 02. Chateau Rouge | 09. The Point of It All |
| 03. City of Light | 10. Laguna |
| 04. Onsra | 11. Asusu |
| 05. Circassian (Feat. Burkhard Stangl) | 12. The Stone of Impermanence |
| 06. Onsay | 13. Sognato di Domani |
| 07. The Other Face | 14. Tree |
| | 15. The Future Will Be Different |

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