## NEW The Ambience and Melodic Grace of the Sufis

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VC's immaculate digital exposition, Mystic Flutes of the Sufis, has the ambience, melodic grace, transcendental beauty and supreme sense of reflection that have become

tenants of the new age genre. The breathy ruminations of the ney whisper seductively of long-forgotten secrets and esoteric knowledge. It's like listening to a mirage.

Cellist Bob Kindler has long been fascinated by Indian, South Pacific, jazz and classical music. He merges all these styles on his captivating new release

Tiger's Paw (Global Pacific). The musicianship and compositional vitality displayed on this album are impressive.

Western artists John McLaughlin and Carlos Santana have embraced Sri Chimnoy's musical approach to spirituality. Swiss multi-instrumentalist Alap Jetzer has also been inspired by Chinmoy's artistic vision. Using electronics

as a contrasting background for guitars, flute, tabla, harmonium, shruti and drone instruments, Jetzer deftly interprets Chinmoy compositions The Source of the Music and Eternity's



Sunrise (Heart Music, cassette only). The music flows with serene melodies that combine a joyful sense of spiritual awakening with pristine and inventive instrumental technique. Heart Music also features Chimnoy himself on the introspective Flute Music Meditations and The Dance of the Light. -Linda Kohanov



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## WORLD Invigorating Sounds from the Corners of the Globe

illie Colon revolutionized Latin music in the '60s. His new album, Color Americano (CBS Discos), with its real life tales of love and sorrow, looks at the ironic racism American Latinos face in their home country, and at the problem of homeless and abused children that roam big city streets.

Kotoja's self-produced debut, Freedom is what Everybody Wants (Inner Spirit), is a wild hybrid of Afro/Caribbean styles like highlife, juju, soca and reggae.

Also recommended: Pop Rai and Rachid Style - Rai Rebels, Vol 2 (Earthworks), featuring tracks by Algerian stars Cheb Khaled and Cheb Sahrauoi; Mama Mosanbiki (Realworld) by Mozambique's Eyuphuro, a beautiful collection of songs ranging from gentle acoustic chants to Congolese rhumba; Yan, a disc of soothing Chinese folk by The Guo Brothers & Shung Tian and Ya Habib, a collection of Qawwalis from The Sabri Brothers, Pakastani practioners of trance inducing devotional music.

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Three discs which will appeal to folk, new age and world music fans are Desert Dance by Native American flautist R.Carlos Nakai; Recurring Dream by Sylvan Grey, a woman who plays the kantele, a traditional Finnish zither and Fire Dance, a fusion of Turkish, Middle Eastern and jazz styles by Brian Keane and Omar Faruk Tekbilek. —j. poet

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