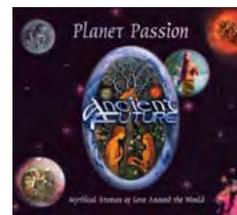


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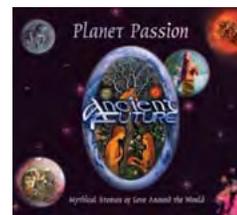
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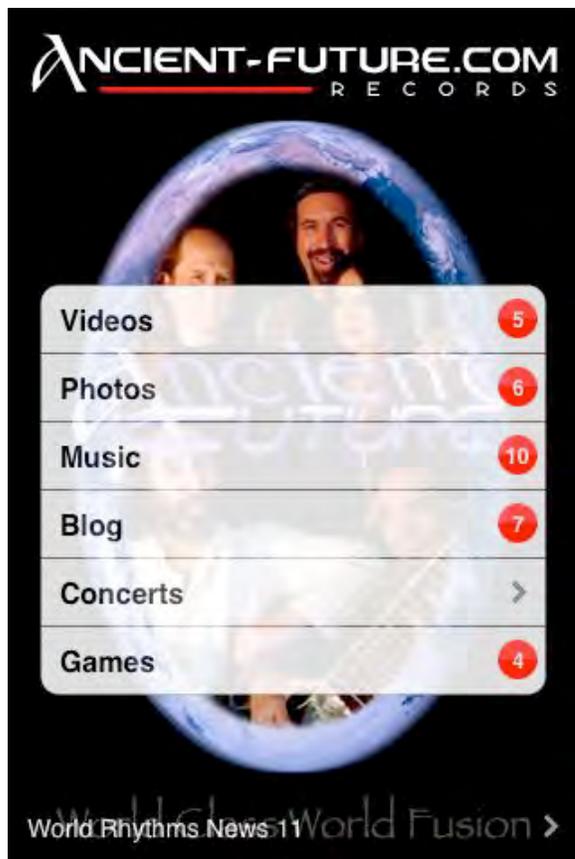
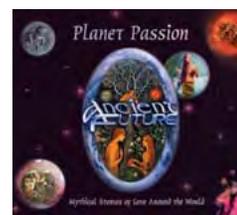
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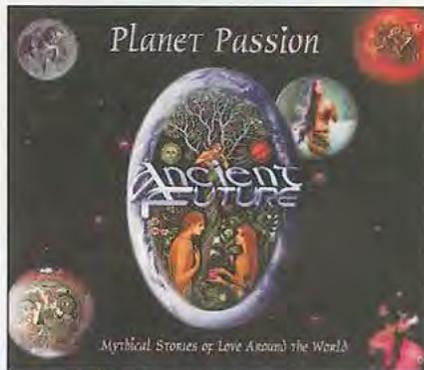
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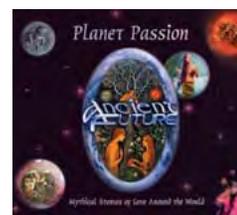
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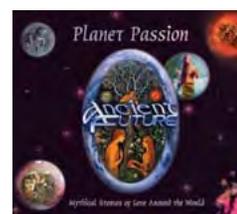
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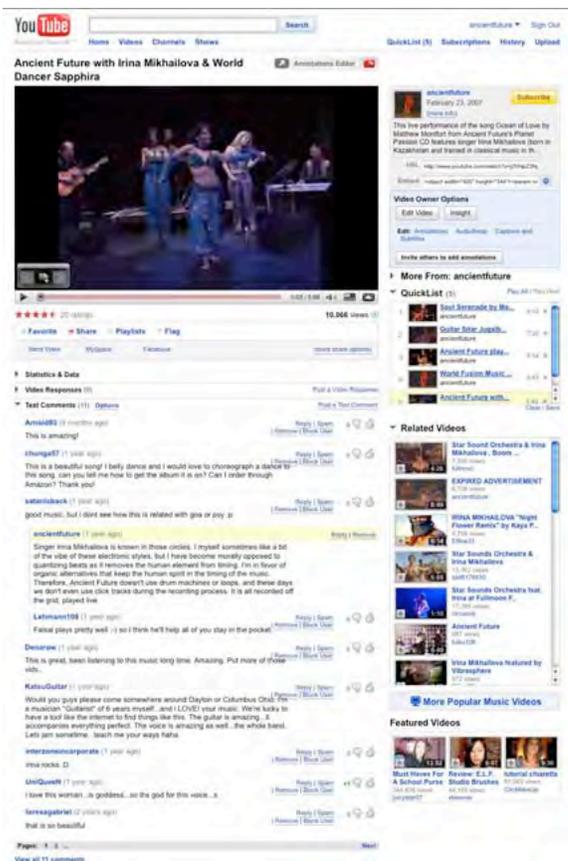
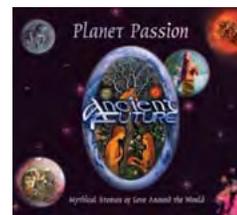
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February 23, 2007. This live performance of the song Ocean of Love by Matthew Montfort from Ancient Future's Planet Passion CD features singer Irina Mikhailova (born in Kazakhstan and trained in classical music in the former Soviet Union), dancer Sapphira, violinist Patti Weiss, Arabic percussionist Salah Takesh, keyboardist Doug McKeehan, and Ancient Future bandleader and scalloped fretboard guitarist Matthew Montfort. Copyright/Patent 2006 Ancient Future Music. All rights reserved.

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This is amazing!

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This is a beautiful song! I belly dance and I would love to choreograph a dance to this song, can you tell me how to get the album it is on? Can I order through Amazon? Thank you!

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good music, but i dont see how this is related with goa or psy :p

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Singer Irina Mikhailova is known in those circles. I myself sometimes like a bit of the vibe of these electronic styles, but I have become morally opposed to quantizing beats as it removes the human element from timing. I'm in favor of organic alternatives that keep the human spirit in the timing of the music. Therefore, Ancient Future doesn't use drum machines or loops, and these days we don't even use click tracks during the recording process. It is all recorded off the grid, played live.

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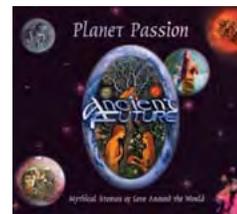
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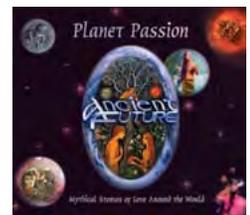


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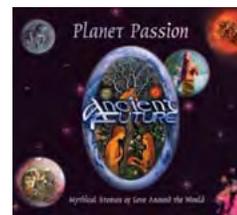
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From romantic sitar on "Socha Socha" to light, delicate vocals on "Ocean of Love," and ranging across multiple continents for musical origins, Ancient Future's Planet Passion album offers a lot to be enthusiastic about. The band is the longest-performing world fusion group, having formed in 1978, yet they retain their inventiveness in developing new sound and style melds. "The Scalloped Fret and Scots Tune Mett" refers to bandleader Matthew Montfort's performance of "I Mett Her in the Medowe," a mysterious Scottish mandora melody from 1615, with "the ornaments and note bends of the scalloped fretboard guitar, an instrument combining aspects of the South Indian vina with the steel string guitar." Again, it's an elegant success. "Slavic Seduction" is a traditional Russian folksong and "Ne Po Pogrebu Bochochock" is about a young couple's first night together. It features vocals by artist Irina Mikhailova, which combine effectively, if almost eerily, with the band's Eastern sound. Meanwhile, "El Zaffa" brings in the Arabic influence of a lively wedding march, and becomes another of Ancient Future's excellent adaptations. "Forest Frolic (Bamboo Flute Magic)," the band's first release after a six-year hiatus, is a playful, spritely conjunction of bamboo flute work by two Asian flute virtuosos. Chinese multi-instrumentalist Liu Qi-Chao and Nepali bansuri master Manose Singh join efforts, and the result is truly splendid -- joyous and lilting. What a welcome return for Ancient Future. Devotees of the best in world fusion will surely wish to add Planet Passion to their collections. ~ Murrday Fisher, All Music Guide

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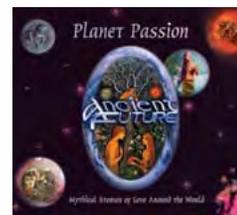
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## Recenzija: PLANET PASSION Ancient Future

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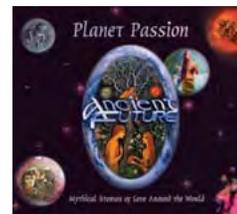
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## Ancient Future – El Zaffa

Sunday, May 10, 2009

Ancient Future takes on the subject of love, and playfully explores the different depths of love as the CD progresses, from flirtation to courtship, on to eros and the wedding. El Zaffa, composed by Matthew Montfort, is a beautiful wedding dance, and explores the theme of the ceremony of two becoming one. This leads directly to the shoutout arrangement of a traditional tune, Ne Pa Pogrebu Bochonochek sung by Irina Mikhailova. The beautiful song is a tender exploration of the wedding night seduction, "loving without fear, like the white swan."

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Ancient Future  
A beautiful story of love shared by world

Artist: Ancient Future  
Song: El Zaffa  
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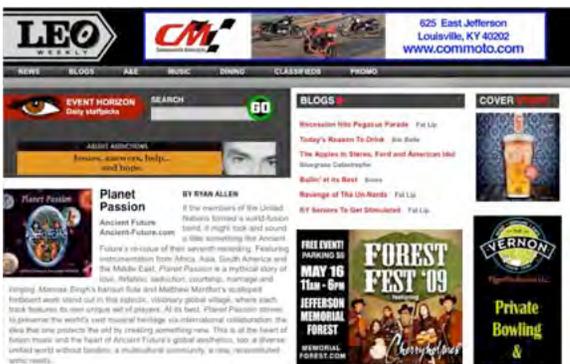
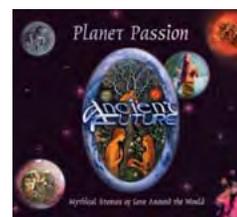
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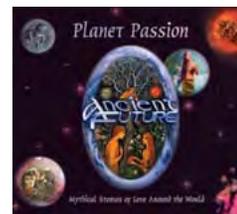
### Planet Passion by Ancient Future

By Ryan Allen

If the members of the United Nations formed a world-fusion band, it might look and sound a little something like Ancient Future's re-issue of their seventh recording. Featuring instrumentation from Africa, Asia, South America and the Middle East, Planet Passion is a mythical story of love, flirtation, seduction, courtship, marriage and longing. Manose Singh's bansuri flute and Matthew Montfort's scalloped fretboard work stand out in this eclectic, visionary global village, where each track features its own unique set of players. At its best, Planet Passion strives to preserve the world's vast musical heritage via international collaboration: the idea that one protects the old by creating something new. This is at the heart of fusion music and the heart of Ancient Future's global aesthetics, too: a diverse, unified world without borders, a multicultural community, a new, reconstituted sonic reality.

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### Terra Pura 15Abrog: Ancient Future

Na Terra Pura de hoje destacamos o projecto norte-americano Ancient Future de Matthew Montfort que existe há mais de 30 anos e um dos principais percussores da fusão de multi-músicas do mundo. Um ponto de encontro de virtuosos músicos de várias culturas musicais. Do prog-rock, ao jazz, às várias tradições balinesa e javanesa das orquestras gamelão, indiana e africana. "Planet Passion" é um álbum que merece toda a calma para ser apreciado.

In Terra Pura today, we explore Ancient Future, the North American project of Matthew Montfort, that has existed there for more than 30 years and is one of the main precursors of the fusion of multiple musics of the world. A point of meeting of virtuoso musicians of many musical cultures. From prog-rock, to jazz, to traditions of Balinese and Javanese gamelan orchestras, to Indian and African music. "Planet Passion" is an album that deserves total contemplation to be appreciated.

#### Playlist

- Ancient Future [E.U.A.] - "Forest Frolic" [álbum "Planet Passion", 2009] | ed Ancient Future Records
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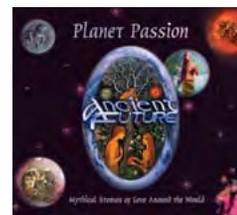
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**The Music is the Message**

The DC area has produced many music greats. A lot of them are no longer with us, but into the void come the fresh and the new and not just from DC, from all over the world.

Recognizing this potential, I created DC Bebop as a beacon to highlight the work of both established and growing artists. DC Bebop is a voice for both the arts and music. While not a panacea for a lack of press coverage for these artists, DC Bebop provides some exposure that (hopefully) will help.

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In support of artists, I highlight weekly a musician on this page. It features a link to the artist's MySpace page as well as a link to an online resource, which will generally be an article about them...

**Featured Musician**



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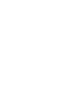
The NAMM Show (2009) - Collage #2

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**Who I'd like to meet:**



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In the summer of 1977 Wertheimer and Montfort came to San Rafael to study North Indian classical music at the Ali Akbar College of Music. There they met the members of the Diga Rhythm Band, moved into the house that the group referenced in, and formed an offshoot called Q&A/Intergalactic, which included Diga Rhythm Band members Far Chachachach (who later signed with Global Pacific Records), Jay Lovineles, Ray Spiegel, and Anshad Syed (who joined Ancient Future's touring lineup in 1993). Q&A/Intergalactic rehearsed at the Grateful Dead studio and performed a number of concerts before splitting up into two groups: a Latin band called Sun Orchestra, and the world fusion music group Ancient Future.  
The name Ancient Future grew out of two contemporary themes: "Stanford Phil Fong was very interested in the legendary ancient civilizations of Atlantis and Mu, and had to imagine what the music of Mu might have been like. Fong envisioned a band name evoking an image of the ancient civilizations where the world's great musical traditions were born. But the group also wanted its name to express a vision of hope for the future through the cross-cultural exchange of that ancient knowledge. Thus the name Ancient Future was born." When Ancient Future created its own contemporary sound by combining elements of the world's ancient music traditions, no one quite knew what to call it and result, in 1978, Ancient Future leader Matthew Montfort coined the term world fusion music to describe the process of blending musical ideas from many different traditions.  
1 From the article - Link: [Ancient Future History PDF](#)  
Ancient Future History - 30 Years of World Fusion Music: 1979-2009  
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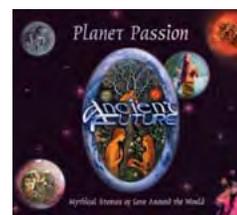
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## Ancient Future/Planet Passion

BILLBOARD calls the group "trendsetters" for contributing to the emerging movement known as world fusion music, a term Ancient Future leader Matthew Montfort coined at the band's inception for music that blends musical ideas from many different cultures.<sup>1</sup> Formed in 1978, Ancient Future is the world's first and longest running ensemble dedicated exclusively to the mission of the creation of world fusion music.

Their original music is an exhilarating fusion of exciting rhythms and sounds from around the globe that combines contemporary jazz and rock with the irresistible rhythms of African, Balinese, Indian, Middle Eastern and South American percussion, the rich harmonies of Europe, and the beautiful melodies of Asia.

The original American members of Ancient Future looked beyond their roots for inspiration by studying with the master musicians of many world music traditions, from Balinese gamelan director Madé Gerindem to North Indian sarod master Ali Akbar Khan. They use their knowledge of world music to create something new and uniquely their own that is respected by pundits from the cultures whose traditions are a part of the mix. According to INDIA CURRENTS, Ancient Future "plays with technical brilliance and gypsy-like fire," and their music "demonstrates the continuing beneficial influence of Indian music upon world culture."

Over the years, Ancient Future has expanded its musical vision through collaborations with noted masters of various world music traditions who are now an integral part of what is today more than just a band. Ancient Future has grown to become a large chamber ensemble of 28 performers from around the world with over a dozen smaller ensembles within it, enabling Ancient Future to realize its core mission of creating world fusion music.

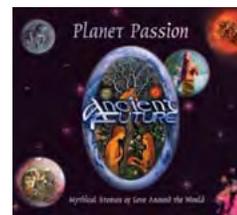
Through cross cultural exchange and collaboration, Ancient Future has created a rich musical world of tradition and innovation. In addition to their original music based on world traditions, the many ensemble variations also perform traditional music from the cultures of the individual master musicians who perform with the band. This provides an educational experience for the audience that excites people about world traditions and then shows how those traditions can make contemporary culture richer.

This group of virtuoso instrumentalists is known for stunningly rhythmic live shows that simultaneously feature the subtle, intricate, and elegant melodic aspects of world music that Ancient Future has received such acclaim for on its recordings. Because of their many influences and ensemble variations, there is a configuration of Ancient Future perfect for any bill, be it rock, jazz, folk, classical or world music. Ancient Future has repertoire for every activity, from dancing to serious listening. The group has shared bills with other leading artists including Tower of Power, Woodstock's Country Joe McDonald, Jefferson Starship's Craig Chaquico, Zakir Hussain, Sukay, San Jose Taiko, Kitka, Acoustic Alchemy, Tania Maria, Shadowfax, Alex De Grassi, Ottmar Liebert, and John Fahey, and even nonmusical attractions such as the Incredible Acrobats of China.

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**Miscellaneous Albums** Miscellaneous World Music

17 Hipsters "Heinrich" (Hipster, 2007)

17 Hipsters looks and beautiful, this far-Bang German ensemble combines some of the insistent outsider experimentation of The Ex... with the melodic atmospheric propensities of Polyphonic Spree, as well as the workmanlike, joyful competence of Paris Combo... Yes, it's the sound of a large number of amiable, industrial musicians for whom the act of making music - and having fun while you do it - is an end in and of itself. Their love of collaboration and exploration will come through loud and clear to receptive listeners. If you're into Balkan brass bands, French accordion music, Jewish klezmer and enjoy swing or even ethereal indie ballads, you'll probably enjoy this album a lot. The Hipsters flow from style to style, with each strand woven together in a surprisingly cohesive whole. Recommended!

Rita Ahadi "Rita Ahadi: 1933-1938" (Heritage, 1996)

Ahadi was one of the most popular female singers of Greek "rembetika", an acoustic style often called "the Greek blues". The musicians on this disc include Greeks, Turks and Armenians, playing a rich mix of regional styles, with languid ouds or wild gypsy sax violins, all capped off by Ahadi's hoarse, quivering vocals. You might also check out the collection of material by Ahadi's rival, Riza Ekemazi, which have come out on Heritage and on Rounder Record's *Rembetika* CD (reviewed below).

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Dick Annegard "Solsti Du Sour" (Warner-France)  
Paul Bryan "Lagan Of Paul Bryan" (Sitar Collective) Liz Carroll & John Doyle "Double Play" (Compass)  
Chen Daxun Chinese Ensemble "Classical Chinese Folk Music" (Arc Music)  
Eliane Elias "Bossa Nova Stories" (Blue Note)  
Eitan Finutawa "Desert Crossroads" (Riverboat)  
Cecilia Evans "Radio Minchil" (Lantern)  
The Green Fields Of America "The Green Fields Of America" (Compass)  
Tony McManus "The Maker's Mark" (Compass)  
The Patience "The Complete 78, v.1" (Universal)  
The Rail Band "Belle Epoque Series, v.1: Soukaiata" (Stern's Africa)  
The Rail Band "Belle Epoque Series, v.2: Mansa" (Stern's Africa)  
Kate Rusby "Akw'waf Antai" (Parr, 2008)  
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Various Artists "TOULOUSE EN CHANSON" (Mosaic Music)

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13	34	Shikokuzeke (all is winter)	Keiko Takada / Ed Rosenburg	Vigam Records	2.42
14	11	Callin' You Home	Laura Sullivan	Starford Sound Records	2.30
15	48	Bark! (Healing Waves)	Fanglet	New Earth Records	2.25
16	88	Duskland	Alicia Beasette	Walden Records	2.08
17	---	The Journey to a Place in the Soul	Vicki Logan	Carus Inc.	2.05
18	---	Santana	Mariah Parker	Ancient Future.com Records	2.02
19	7	Walden, Connecticut	Richard Bone	Quintessa Laboratory Discs	2.00
20	---	L.I. Healing	David Mauck	Thera Records	1.92
21	8	In A Strain	Peter Kater / Dominic Miller w/ Jacques Henlensbaum and Nanne Lopez	Point of Light Records	1.89
22	3	Astoria	Brian Kelly	Silviant Music	1.87
23	6	Autumn	Sean Cockery	Self Released	1.85
24	4	Evolution: How An Awareness	Dyan Gerris w/ Amber Ningsand	Intersyncratic, Inc.	1.85
25	---	First Wind	Timothy Couper	New Planet Age Music	1.80
26	---	Blue Cosmos	Florin Joy Hawkins	Little White Music	1.58
27	57	Starlight Volume 1	Robert Carly	New Vision Music	1.45
28	9	Unravel	Kevin Wood	New Vision Music	1.42
29	20	Waldenwood (dedicated to John L. Mackenzie)	Will Ackerman	Compass Records	1.38

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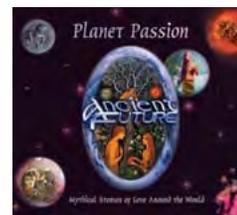
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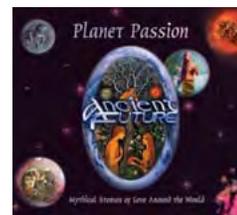
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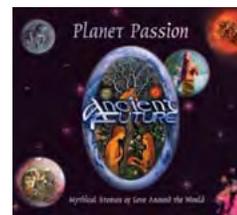
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**Mythical Journey**

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Ancient Future  
Planet Passion: Mythical Stories of Love Around the World (Ancient Future Music, 2009)

The sumptuously crafted, exotic fusion extravaganza Planet Passion by Ancient Future is one of those magic carpet rides of a journey that's hard to resist. Longtime fans will know Ancient Future from such recordings as Dreamchaser, Quiet Fire and Natural Rhythms. After a nine-year hiatus Ancient Future has returned with some new musical collaborators and a striking collection of love devotionals with Planet Passion. Led by founding member, composer, musician and arranger Matthew Montfort, Ancient Future has plotted a course, captured the wind and set the sails to take listeners on a mythical journey of love around the world with Planet Passion. And what a journey.

Opening with the Nepali folk song "Simsimay Panima," Manose Singh lures listeners with some simply elegant bansuri flute playing against Antoine Lamman's Arabic tabla and tambourine, Jim Hurley on violin and Mr. Montfort's captivating work on the scalloped fretboard guitar and fretless bass. Planet Passion edges into the delightfully flirtily composition by Mr. Montfort entitled "Forest Frolic," with the bansuri flute and the Chinese flute, skillfully played by Liu Qi-Chao. Laced with guitar work by Mr. Montfort and the rich goodness of bass marimba and marimba by Hadley Loudon, this track is a sweet, coquettish dance.

The tracks devoted to courtship "I Mett Her in the Medowe," a Scottish melody, and "Ocean of Love," an incendiary mix dubbed an "Afro-Slavic groove" on the liner notes ripe with African drumming by C.K. Ladzekpo and Ian Herman and Irina Mikhailova's lovely Eastern European vocals are proof of the inspired musicianship that has been the hallmark of Ancient Future where fusion is driven to its razor sharp edge.

Planet Passion only gets better as the compositions move through the sacred Eros section with the hauntingly rich "Ochun" with Santeria priest Pedro de Jesus's earthy Afro-Cuban chant against electric guitar and additional vocals provided by Ms. Mikhailova. "Semara" is a passionately inspired devotional to the Balinese god of love and shimmers with the blending of the Gamelan Semar Pegulingan orchestra, the original lineup of Ancient Future and added performances by Benjy Wertheimer on tabla and esraj, Mindia Klien on bansuri, Moses Sedler on cello and Mr. Montfort rounding out the sound on fretboard guitars and gangsa.

"El Zaffa" deepens the fusion flavor with some Spanish guitar and some dishy Middle Eastern percussion. The sweetly intimate "Ne Po Pogrebu Bochochek" features the vocals of Ms. Mikhailova and the guitar work by Mr. Montfort, tabla by Emam and drums by Ian Herman.

Planet Passion's closing track "Socha Socha" is a wonderful musical tapestry crafted by Ustad Habib Khan on sitar, Mr. Monfort on fretboard guitar, bass and bells, Doug McKeehan on keyboards, Ian Dogole on udu and sleigh bell and Jim Hurley on violin. This hauntingly bewitching composition, co-written by Mr. Khan and Mr. Montfort, soars, slides and bends the notes forming a perfect love knot.



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### Ancient Future - Planet Passion 9/10

By Eduard Antoniu

The band was formed more than thirty years ago as an offshoot of an offshoot of an offshoot of the Grateful Dead, although none of the founding members were Deadheads. Two childhood friends from Colorado, who had planned to form a band together as early as 1967, went to study North Indian classical music at a college in California. There, they got involved in a musical environment that featured members and equipment of the Grateful Dead. Attending that particular college also gives them a remote link with The Beatles. For more information, please visit www.ancient-future.com.

To name the band, one of its founding members thought of alluding to the interest in capturing the music of lost civilizations. About five years earlier since then, Jon Anderson intended the same on Yes Tales from Topographic Oceans in a track not surprisingly called "The Ancient/Giants under the Sun". On the other hand, the newly formed group wanted to express their vision of a future where those musical treasures would be cross-culturally exchanged. To describe their music, bandleader Matthew Montfort coined the term world fusion. If, like me, you also like prog rock with infusions from the music of various cultures, then Ancient Future music is for you, too.

I only discovered their music about eight years ago, accidentally, spotting their Dreamchaser album of about twenty years ago, while browsing through a used CD bin at the University of Calgary, Alberta. The band name sounded catchy, the album name was also kind of Yes Relayer-ish, so I thought "Why not?" And so I found a gem.

To celebrate thirty years since their first concert (February 11th, 1979), they now re-release their seventh album Planet Passion. It tells Mythical Stories of Love Around the World in six chapters (Flirtation, Courtship, Sacred Eros, The Wedding, Seduction, Longing) on twelve tracks from as many music traditions (Indian, Nepalese, African, Cuban, Celtic, Arabic, Palestinian, Jewish, Indonesian, Chinese, Eastern European and American), totaling 51 minutes, featuring nineteen musicians (never the same lineup on a track, with the original lineup on one), still leaving space for your own story. All tracks are composed, co-written or arranged by Matthew Montfort, who is also responsible for the conceptual, technical and visual-informational aspects of the album.

Instruments include: bansuri flute ("Simsimay Panima", "Forest Frolic", "Semara"), esraj string instrument ("Semara"), udu drum of water clay-jug with extra hole ("Socha Socha", a lament). Where else you can hear themes from this album: Pink Floyd "Dogs" ("I Mett Her in the Medowe", only with Matthew Montfort on scalloped fretboard guitar, a modified instrument that appears on most of the album; he also made an album only for this instrument; please see the review), Jethro Tull "Sossity, You're a Woman", Adiemus and Dire Straits ("Ocean of Love", my second favorite), Finisterre ("In limine", Adiemus ("Ochun"), Led Zeppelin "Kashmir" ("El Zaffa", my favorite), "Xanadu" of Rush, the trio with two members of Eastern European descent ("Ne Po Pogrebu Bochochek", Russian for "Not Like the Sound of a Rolling Barrel in the Cellar", with the Marta Sebestyén-like haunting vocals of Irina Mikhailova; my third favorite), Genesis "The Knife" ("Socha Socha"). I hope this is enough of an incentive for you to get the album.

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Ancient Future: "Planet Passion"

Staff Report

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Ancient Future, the Marin-based ensemble that coined the term "world fusion music" to describe its multicultural sound, celebrates the 30th anniversary of its debut 1979 concert with a re-issue of its 2001 album "Planet Passion."

The group's seventh album, "Planet Passion" has been re-mastered by Marin guitarist Matthew Montfort, Ancient Future's founder and leader, using a process he developed called "64-bit tuned harmonic mastering." He says it "brings out the music that didn't quite reveal itself" on the original recording.

In a sexy bit of synchronicity, this new and improved "Planet Passion," inspired by ancient rituals of love and procreation, comes out just in time for Valentine's Day.

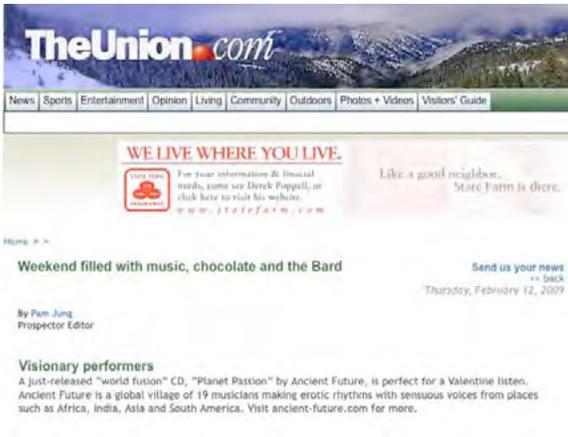
Taking themes from traditional music and chants to such love gods as the Afro-Cuban Ochun and the Balinese Semara, the CD tells the mythical story of a couple's sensual journey through musical "chapters" titled "Flirtation," "Nature of Courtship," "Sacred Eros: Invoking the Spirits of Love," "Seduction," "Longing for the Beloved" and "The Wedding: Becoming One."

The CD showcases 19 Indian, Nepalese, African, Cuban, Celtic, Middle Eastern, Indonesian, Chinese, Eastern European and American musicians playing on each track in different and varied configurations.

On one cut, Ancient Future's "song goddess" Irina Mikhailova sings about a woman removing one item of a shy man's clothing each time she calls him by a more intimate name. There's a final verse about her lying down by his side, "rocking and rolling, loving without fear." And if that doesn't get you off, call your love doctor right away.

Buy It: "Planet Passion," from www.ancient-future.com. \$17.98.

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### Visionary performers

A just-released "world fusion" CD, "Planet Passion" by Ancient Future, is perfect for a Valentine listen. Ancient Future is a global village of 19 musicians making erotic rhythms with sensuous voices from places such as Africa, India, Asia and South America. Visit ancient-future.com for more.

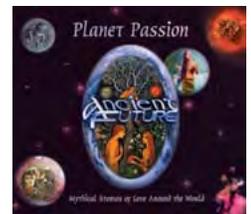


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### Planet Passion (30th Anniversary Edition) by Ancient Future

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### Ancient Future - Planet Passion

“Planet Passion” may not be the soundtrack of choice at your next party, but it does effectively transport the listener to another mental plane.

One close of the eyes and the listener can imagine meditating high atop the Himalayas. Each track instantly has a calming effect on your mind. Songs that contain vocals are few in number, but those that do have a plaintive, almost whimsical quality to them, reminiscent of a child’s good-natured taunting. Still, others have a more European flair and call to mind, Spanish flamenco music, with a livelier, more up-tempo bent.

The majority of the songs on this album though, seem to be a sort of meditation, so for all the Zen masters out there, this would be a must-have. But for the rest of us, what it does very effectively is provide a window to the world outside our own constraining physical and mental borders.

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Any fans of World Music, World Fusion, International Music, Ethnic Music, or New Age; that like any of these artists: Dead Can Dance, David Byrne, Ry Cooder, David Lindley, Peter Gabriel, Carlos Santana, Sinéad O'Conner, Enya, The Chieftains, Clannad, Altan, Alan Stivell, Mickey Hart, Diga Rhythm Band, Ravi Shankar, Anoushka Shankar, Ali Akbar Khan, Zakir Hussain, Zakir Hussain, Tabla Beat Science, Ustad Sultan Khan, Gipsy Kings, Mustafiz Khan, Prem Joshua, Sheila Chandra, Deepak Chopra, Biddu Orchestra, Transglobal Underground, Afro-Celt Soundsystem, Gipsy Kings, Mustafa Sandal, Zap Mama, Steve Reich, Terry Riley, Khaled, Ali Farka Toure, Toumani Diabate, Habib Koite, Youssou N'Dour, Salif Keita, Angelique Kidjo, Oliver Mtukudzi, Yoshida Brothers, Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, Susheela Raman, Okan Murat Öztürk, Kamil Alipour, Egberto Gismonte, Airto Moreira, Nana Vasconcellos, Buena Vista Social Club, Mama Keita, Black Uhuru, Haiti Twoubadou, Anastasia Moutsatsou, Ozomatli, Sukay or Queen Ida will love this CD!

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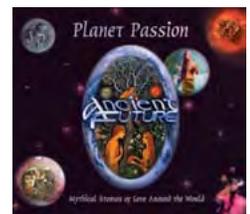
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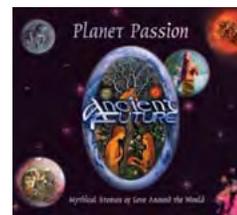
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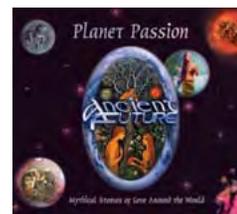


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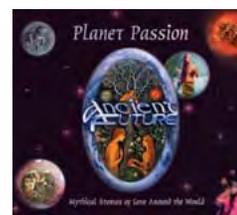
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Matthew Montfort holds a B.A. in World Music and Composition and an M.A. in Arts and Media Technology from Antioch University. He has studied with the master musicians of many world music traditions, including sarangi master Ram Narayan, sarod master Ali Akbar Khan, mridangam master Guruvayoor Dorai, vina master K.S. Subramanian, and gamelan director K.R.T. Wasitodipuro. Montfort is the leader of the world fusion music ensemble Ancient Future. An award-winning guitarist (Louis Armstrong Jazz Award, Colorado Outstanding Young Guitarist Award), he is a pioneer of the scalloped fretboard guitar, an instrument combining qualities of the South Indian vina and the steel string guitar. He is also known for his work on sitar, charango, mandolin, and gamelan, and as Ancient Future's main composer. Montfort wrote the book Ancient Traditions -- Future Possibilities: Rhythmic Training Through the Traditions of Africa, Bali, and India because he found it difficult to find musicians who could perform his music due to a lack of rhythm skills. He drew from his years of study of many world music traditions to create a training method based on the rhythms of Africa, Bali, and India. Many consider the method to be one of his greatest achievements.

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5	Courting: Ocean of Love	Ancient Future ; Montfort, Matthew (electric guitar); Mikhailova, Irina (voice); Landrock, C.K. (triple drums)	Traditional	Montfort, Matthew	5:26	
6	Secret Eros: Oshun	Ancient Future ; de Jesus, Pedro (voice)	Traditional	Montfort, Matthew	3:32	
7	Secret Eros: Semara	Ancient Future (Burmese gamelan)	Traditional	Montfort, Matthew	4:27	
8	The Wedding: Alap	Ancient Future ; Montfort, Matthew (skalloped fretboard guitar); Witek, Pasi (violin)	Traditional	Montfort, Matthew	1:48	
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10	Seduction: No Po Pogrebu	Ancient Future ; Mikhailova, Irina (voice); Montfort, Matthew (guitar)	Traditional	Montfort, Matthew	5:07	
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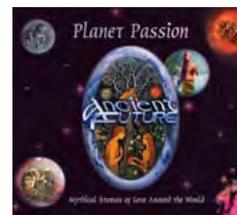
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Ancient Future (USA) "Planet Passion" \*\*\*\*\*

Prolusion. "Passion Planet" is the seventh album by the World Fusion pioneers Ancient Future. According to the CD's press kit, "It is a perfect romantic gift featuring 19 world music masters telling a love story through world music about flirtation, courtship, gods of love, betrothal, seduction, and longing for the beloved".

Analysis. First off, this album clearly shows that Ancient Future's World Fusion has nothing to do with the (ambient) World music style. Stylistically, "Planet Passion" represents a real fusion of the musical forms of the various nations of Earth, which, though, is based on such structures of the composition and arrangement that we use to call Prog Fusion. Highly diverse in sound, all of the ten compositions, that are featured on the album, are filled with very tasteful and diverse arrangements created by the masterly solos and passages of each of the soloing musicians and interplay between them as well. Some of the guitar, flute, and violin solos are so fast and virtuosi that they can remind you of jazzy improvisations, though actually, all of them were thoroughly composed by the laws of the 5-tone Eastern school and traditional, classical one as well. The mixed 'construction' of all of the album's tracks, based on the two different schools of composition, makes them especially impressive. There are only two real songs on "Passion Planet" (Ochun and Ne Po Pogrebu Bochochoek, tracks 5 & 9), while all of the other tracks are instrumental. There are however, lots of female vocalists on one of them - Ocean of Love (track 4). Ochun is the only song that features both male (by Pedro De Jesus) and female (by Irina Mikhailova) vocals, while on Ocean of Love and Ne Po Pogrebu Bochochoek Irina sings alone. On Ochun, Pedro's vocal parts remind of the traditional Afro-Cuban (not Spanish!) man's singing. Irina's parts are more melodic: these can remind one of the Afro-Cuban ritual refrains. Her beautiful voice fits nicely for the rich instrumental textures of Ocean of Love, but especially wonderful Irina sings (in Russian) on the Russian old folk song Ne Po Pogrebu Bochochoek. Musically, Ochun is full of African motives. Ocean of Love represents a blend of the West and East European melodic lines that develop to the accompaniment of African percussion instruments. In a Russian manner, Ne Po Pogrebu Bochochoek, (It is Impossible to Squeeze So Big a Barrel In This Cellar) can be described as "there is the smell of a Russian spirit here". What is interesting is all of the other tracks (all of which are instrumentally are, on the whole, devoted to the music of the East, one way or another: Sinsimay Panima, Forest Frolic, Semara, Alap, & Socha Socha (tracks 1,2,6,7,10) are just filled with Indian, Arabic, Chinese etc., musical atmospheres. Based on the exceptionally tasteful and virtuosic solos and passages of Matthew Montfort's acoustic (scalloped fretboard!) and electric guitars, various Eastern flutes, violins, and even (kind of) the Eastern vibraphone, the arrangements of each of these compositions develop constantly. Although there are only two instruments heard on Alap (scalloped fretboard guitar and violin), the interplay between them is simply fantastic. Apart from Eastern flavours, a magnificent I Mett Her In the Medowe (track 3), consisting of virtuosi solos, passages, and interplay between three different acoustic guitars (parts of the two of which were overdubbed), has also Latin American and medieval feels. El Zaffa (track 8), which is probably the most diverse track on the album, was composed with using the 'schemes' (or laws, if you will), of the three musical schools: European Classical, Spanish, and still the same Eastern.

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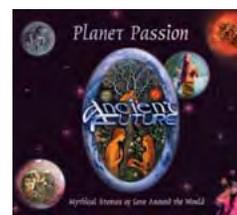
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### Ancient Future (USA) World Music

Ancient Future is THE World Music itself. Listening to their recordings is like traveling through all the cultures of the planet. Their latest CD is a beautiful collection of Nepalese, African, Cuban, Celtic, Arabic, Palestinian, Jewish, Indonesian, Chinese, Eastern European and American tunes. No less than very talented 19 musicians contributed to this rare performance.

### World Fusion Music and World Traditions

BILLBOARD calls the group "trendsetters" for contributing to the emerging movement known as world fusion music, a term Ancient Future leader Matthew Montfort coined at the band's inception for music that blends musical ideas from many different cultures. Formed in 1978, Ancient Future is the world's first and longest running ensemble dedicated exclusively to the mission of the creation of world fusion music. Their original music is an exhilarating fusion of exciting rhythms and sounds from around the globe that combines contemporary jazz and rock with the irresistible rhythms of African, Balinese, Indian, Middle Eastern and South American percussion, the rich harmonies of Europe, and the beautiful melodies of Asia. The original American members of Ancient Future looked beyond their roots for inspiration by studying with the master musicians of many world music traditions, from Balinese gamelan director Madé Gerindem to North Indian sarod master Ali Akbar Khan. They use their knowledge of world music to create something new and uniquely their own that is respected by pundits from the cultures whose traditions are a part of the mix. According to INDIA CURRENTS, Ancient Future "plays with technical brilliance and gypsy-like fire," and their music "demonstrates the continuing beneficial influence of Indian music upon world culture." Over the years, Ancient Future has expanded its musical vision through collaborations with noted masters of various world music traditions who are now an integral part of what is today more than just a band. Ancient Future has grown to become a large chamber ensemble of 28 performers from around the world with over a dozen smaller ensembles within it, enabling Ancient Future to realize its core mission of creating world fusion music. Through cross cultural exchange and collaboration, Ancient Future has created a rich musical world of tradition and innovation. In addition to their original music based on world traditions, the many ensemble variations also perform traditional music from the cultures of the individual master musicians who perform with the band. This provides an educational experience for the audience that excites people about world traditions and then shows how those traditions can make contemporary culture richer.

"Leader Matthew Montfort's synthesis of styles and sounds isn't superficial -- he plucks the essential musicality of several traditions without discounting them. Beautiful world fusion music." – Roger Carlberg, ELECTRONIC MUSICIAN

"One of world music's finest expressions." – Renee Gelpi, DIMENSIONS, Toronto  
"With seamless fire and grace ... they storm through an electric dervish of music." – John Diliberto, JAZZIZ

"Shadowfax with teeth." – Michael Bloom, BOSTON ROCK

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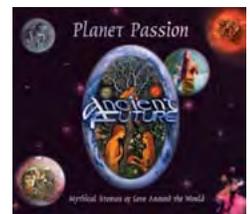
**Planet Passion by Ancient Future**

Artiste: Ancient Future  
Album: Planet Passion  
Rating: 5 stars

"Planet Passion" is the seventh album by the California-based world fusion group Ancient Future. The theme of this acoustic album is love: flirtation, courtship, betrothal and seduction. The band also has a Web site at www.ancient-future.com. This album features over 19 musicians from around the world, including Matthew Montfort (guitars), Ustad Habib Khan (sitar), Ian Herman (drums), Manose Singh (flute), Liu Qi-Chao (Chinese flute) and Mindia Klein (bansuri). Our picks on this album include the instrumentals Simsimay Panima (based on a Nepali folk song), I Mett Her in the Medowe (Scottish melody), and El Zaffa (Egypian wedding music). Ocean of Love, an Afro-Asian melody, has pleasing vocals as well

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**Ancient Future** is the world's first and longest running musical ensemble dedicated exclusively to the mission of creating world fusion music. Founded as a quartet in 1978, today there are over 25 musicians from around the world who are part of the ensemble, with over a dozen ensemble variations. On the current tour, master Arabic and American musicians make exciting dance and concert music that shows how these different cultures can work together.



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### Ancient Future "Planet Passion"

Grupa Ancient Future to przedstawiciel gatunku world music, z tego co się orientuję, to przedstawiciel dość znany. Płyta "Planet Passion" ma podtytuł "Mityczna opowieść o miłości z całego świata". Rzeczywiście wpływy bardzo różnych kultur odcisnęły swoje piętno na tej muzyce, wszystkie utwory poświęcone są miłości, a właściwie wielu jej personifikacjom. Zaczynamy od tradycyjnego utworu z Nepalu. "Simsimay Panima" to utwór instrumentalny, grany na flecie bansuri, opowiadający ponoć o flirtowaniu. W podobnym klimacie jest "Forest Frolic", o leśnych nimfach z Północnych Indii. Dwuczęściowa suita "I Mett Her in the Medowe" to połączenie szkockiej melodii z XVII wieku z brzmieniami z południa Indii. "Ocean of Love" to temat afro-słowiański. Niemożliwe? A jednak! Kompozycja Matthew Montforta ma w sobie coś z muzyki Mike'a Oldfielda, pewnie dzięki temu, że używa on podobnego brzmienia gitary elektrycznej. To chyba pierwszy tak nowoczesny instrument na tej płycie. Utwór "Ochun" nagrano w modnym ostatnio stylu afro-cuban. Z kolei "Semara" oferuje nam podróż na Bali. Współczesne wyobrażenie o egipskich pieśniach miłosnych znajdziemy w weselnym utworze "Alap". Z Egiptu do Hiszpanii wiedzie nas weselny kondukt w utworze "El Zaffa". Jedyna piosenką na płycie jest śpiewana przez Irine Mikhailovą rosyjska ballada "Ne Po Pogrebu Bockonochek". Zastanawialiście się kiedyś jak brzmiałby po rosyjsku np. Blackmore's Night? Teraz macie możliwość sprawdzić. Kolejna dwuczęściowa suita "Socha Socha" zamyka płytę. Przy dźwiękach sitaru wracamy do Azji. Tak oto muzyczna podróż zatacza koło. Najważniejszym atutem jest tu akustyczna formuła grania world music. Brzmienie dzięki temu jest niesamowicie przestrzenne. Niekiedy staje mi przed oczyma Kwartet Jorgi ze swoją wizją muzyki świata. Nie ma tu zbędnych dźwięków, a jest naprawdę pięknie. – Taclem

The group Ancient Future presents world music, as oriented from this, it is a well known representative. The CD "Planet Passion" is a "Mythical Story of Love Around the World." Influences have made mark on this music from very different cultures, love are devoted work, but many its (her) properly (suitable) personification. We begin from traditional work from nepal. It instrumental work " " Simsimay Panima, on flute played bansuri, about flirting telling apparently. There is in similar climate " " Forest Frolic, about forest nymphs from northern india. Two-partial suite " and with (from) with tones from afternoon of (south of) india XVII century (age) " it connection scottish melody Mett Her in the Medowe. It theme " ocean " of Love afro-słowiański. Impossible? But however,! Something has in from music composition mike Matthew Montforta Oldfielda, definitely due to it, that it uses he (its; his; it) similar tone of electric guitar. Probably, it on this CD first modern instrument so. Last time < last > work record in fashion style " " Ochun afro-cuban. Then journey on " " offer we fear Semara. We will find modern imagination about egyptian in wedding work love (amatory) " " pieśniach Alap. Wedding cortege leads from egypt for spain in work " el " Zaffa. Sole is sung on CD by for (after) song russian ballad " " Irine Mikhailovą Ne Pogrebu Bockonochek. Sometime you thought as it would sound for (after) russian e.g. Blackmore's Night? Now you have to check capability. Next two-partial suite closes CD " plow plow ". We return to asia at sounds sitaru. Here, musical journey so circle zatacza. Acoustic formula of playing is most important trump here world music. Tone is incredibly three-dimensional (spatial) due to it. Sometimes quartet becomes before eyes with vision of music of world me Jorgi. Does not have useless sounds here, but really, there is beautiful (fine) < beauty >. Taclem