



First ever compilation bringing together all the biggest names in the thriving Helsinki club jazz & soul scene, all the way from established acts like *Five Corners Quintet*, *Quintessence* and *Teddy Rok Seven* to celebrated producers like *Dharma One* (of "Belong" fame), *Jori Hulkkonen* and *Infekto*. The album also introduces vocal talents of *Nicole Willis* and *Katriina*. The vinyl EP features 3 exclusive new tracks, and out of the 12 tracks featured on the CD, all but four are new to digital formats.

[TRACKLISTING OVERLEAF]

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REVIEW HIGHLIGHTS

“Helsinki is burning and this sampler [from a forthcoming compilation album] is proof.”

- XLR8R MAGAZINE

Katriina’s 'Spared Your Kiss' is an instant classic, and has radio hit written all over it.

- STRAIGHT NO CHASER

RADIO & CLUB SUPPORT: Mr Scruff, Patrick Forge, Domu, Dom Servini, Mike Chadwick, KISS100 LONDON, Gilles Peterson Worldwide, Smooth FM, Soulpatrol worldwide, Samurai FM, and many more

TRACKLISTING w/ REVIEWS & REACTIONS**01 Katriina: Spared Your Kiss (Dharmaone Production)**

"An instant classic, it has radio hit written all over it!" - STRAIGHT NO CHASER

My favourite! – Mr Scruff

Radioplay: Mike Chadwick / Smooth FM (UK), Mr. Scruff, Dom Servini, Domu / Gilles Peterson's Worldwide show (international), Compost Radioshow, Soulpatrol show etc.

02 Quintessence: Delirious

Heavily supported by Gilles Peterson in his influential radio show, "Delirious" is one of the leading cuts on their 2nd album "5am"

03 Teddy Rok Seven feat. Okou: Feel

The standout track on Teppo Mäkynen's (Five Corners Quintet, Nu Spirit Helsinki) own ensemble album has been supported heavily by all of the nu-jazz fraternity.

04 Spyritual: Heart of Gold

Chrystal clear sounds – just like a Finnish lake! –Berliner Morgenpost

05 Present Sense feat. Tuomo: Nature Girl

9/10 very strong, heavy clubplay -Domu

Patrick Forge (Kiss 100 UK), KUSF - San Francisco, beyondjazz.net and more...

06 Nicole Willis: Say It

With her slammin album "Keep on Reachin", the ex-Repercussions vocalist is in the spotlight. This a celebrated single from her previous long player, receiving praise in iDJ and more.

07 Dalindeo: Poseidon

"A classy release for your hi-fi" -XLR8R

"Hip brazilica; danceable and club friendly" –Knowledge Mag

08 J-City: All You Give

"A shimmering jam that floats breathy vocals and stellar horn work over a swinging but restrained broken beat that's cool, very cool baby." -XLR8R

09 Dharmaone feat. Tuomo: Belong - An anthem and a broken beat classic.

Heavily supported by everyone from Gilles Peterson to 4Hero to Mr Scruff and beyond, "Belong" was deservedly one of the top tunes in 2003.

10 Infekto: Left Hand Jazz (Cuica remix) - Originally the biggest jazz breaks tune of 2002.

"It blew the roof off!" –Gilles Peterson / BBC Radio 1 Worldwide

"Cuica deliver a killer latin tinged remix" –Straight No Chaser Magazine

11 Freestyle Man: Que Domingo Inquieto (Jori Hulkkonen remix)

A Latin jazz house classic, remixed by Finland's biggest dj/producer.

"10 out of 10" –DJ Magazine

12 Five Corners Quintet feat. Eero Koivistoinen: Blueprint

*A modern dancefloor jazz classic which is **not** included on their album, on CD for the first time!*

"Doper than dope!" -Straight No Chaser Magazine

"Stunning" - Blues & Soul Magazine

MAGAZINE REVIEWS**XLR8R MAGAZINE / FEB 2006**

Hel-sinki is burning and this sampler from a forthcoming compilation album is proof. Present Sense featuring Tuomo hog the A side all to themselves and they deserve it - "Nature Girl" is a subtly broken, soul-soaked gem with muted keys and rich vocals. Watch the burn on the B, where Katriina's "Spared Your Kiss" gets the sexy bedroom vibes from producer Dharma One. But they've saved the best for last with J-City's "All You Give," a shimmering jam that floats breathy vocals and stellar horn work over a swinging but restrained broken beat that's cool, very cool baby. Jazztastic!
-Peter Nicholson

STRAIGHT NO CHASER / FEBRUARY 2006

Even though this is a fairly solid three track EP, it has to be said that the standout cut by far is Finnish producer Dharmaone's collaboration with new vocal talent Katriina. 'Spared Your Kiss' is an instant classic, and has radio hit written all over it. Once the hook has dropped on this beauty you'll feel like you've known it all your natural life. An album is on its way too, so watch out!

DJ MAGAZINE / FEBRUARY 2006

This a sampler for a compilation that'll be dropping soon bringing the names of the thriving Helsinki club jazz and soul scene like established acts Five Corners Quietet and Teddy Rok Seven to celebrated producers such as Dharma One, who recently had a massive hit, Belong. Apart from these three tracks the rest of the tracks available on the compilation have been featured on vinyl before, so what better than having the 3 exclusives available for the first time on vinyl.
3.5 out of 5

iDJ MAGAZINE / FEBRUARY 2006

Mind the pun, with Nine 2 Five pre-empting a compilation featuring Hel (sinki's) Five Corners Quintet, Teddy Rok Seven and Dharma One with this four-track taster. The broken-beated contributions of Present Sense and Katlina find themselves outclassed by Juha Tukkanen and Terhi Koivisto's contribution, 'All You Give,' where they underpin a rich horn line with some satisfyingly shifty beats.
3 out of 5

BLAH MAGAZINE / FEBRUARY 2006

Fresh tracks from the burgeoning Helsinki Jazz and Soul scene. Present Sense get Tuomo on the vocals and the result is "Nature Girl". A rounded bassline riff and intelligently placed jazz chords bounce off the smooth vocals. One to hunt for. Katriina's "Spared Your Kiss" is a sassy R'n'B style track, but her slightly jazz style shows Katriina has much depth of style and talent to show. Dharma is on the mixing desk and the production is as smooth as the vocals. Watch out for her album, which is imminent.

RECENT RADIOPLAY (2006 only)

- Mr Scruff on Juice 107.2 Brighton UK,
 - Radio Active 89FM New Zealand,
 - Samurai FM Japan
 - MIKE CHADWICK on 100.4 Smooth FM (UK)
 - Patrick Forge on KISS100 FM (UK)
 - Domu on Gilles Peterson Worldwide (Worldwide syndication)
 - Dom Servini on Samurai FM (Japan / internet)
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AND SOME MORE REVIEWS...**IN THE MIX.AT**

This latest 12" on Finnish nu-jazz/soul label Nine2Five acts as a sampler of the label's upcoming debut compilation 'Hot As Hel', which aims to throw the spotlight onto Helsinki's thriving club jazz and soul scene, with the esteemed likes of Dharma One, Teddy Rok Seven and The Five Corners Quintet all gracing the tracklisting. Particularly of interest to fans of the black plastic will be the fact that for this 12" release, Nine2Five have managed to gather together the three tracks out of the total 12 present on the compilation that have never previously been released on vinyl before – making this an exclusive release of sorts.

On the A-side of this 12", Present Sense join forces with Quintessence vocalist Tuomo on 'Nature Girl' a streamlined synth-laden slice of laidback broken-beat soul that blends Tuomo's honey-smooth Vikter Duplaix-esque delivery with jackknifing programmed hi-hats, jazzy clavinet keys and stray flecks of funk guitar as sub-bass swells ripple beneath the razor sharp snares in a manner similar to Domu or Bugz In The Attic.

On the flip, RNB / soul vocalist Katriina takes things down into rich hiphop-soul on 'Spared Your Kiss', which fuses her breathy classic soul delivery with a loping hiphop backing that blends jazzy clavinet fills with fat double bass and synthetic Philly strings courtesy of Dharma One's warm, organic-sounding production, while J-City's 'All You Give' shows Helsinki duo Juha Tuukanen and Terhi Koivisto (who recently released an album as Spyritual on Kitty-Yo) venturing out into laidback broken-beat rhythms with a discernible Brazilian jazz influence, Koivisto's delicate vocals gliding over a rhythmically propulsive backdrop of rolling cowbells, warm live bass and chiming guitar chords as the icy breakbeats scissor back and forth beneath.

A strong 12" offering from Nine2Five that's sure to increase the anticipation surrounding their upcoming debut Helsinki compilation – nu-jazz/soul heads shouldn't be disappointed.

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Sampler from the forthcoming compilation from Finnish Nine2Five label entitled 'Hot As Hell!'. Having already stirred the interest of Gilles Peterson, Bugz In The Attic and Jazzanova the label keeps on and comes with these three first tracks by Present Sense feat. Tuomo, who was also the single of the hit 'Belong' by Dharma One, with a broken beat nu soul 'Nature Girl', the model turned singer Katriina, with a modern ballad-like tune entitled 'Spared Your Kiss', and J-City, who have already had an album on Kitty Yo label last year with the downtempo project Spyritual, here with a soft fast-paced track with flutes and trumpet.