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TEA RELEASES SECOND ALBUM: "DREAMS"

TEA is the production team of guitarist Franck Balloffet, from Lyon, France, and Southern California drummer-keyboardist Phil Bunch. They are the producers of "Voyages du Jour," and the new release, "Dreams" which are both a mixture of French and African original songs.

F&P have currently been producing and collaborating with unique vocalists: Congolese vocalists Steve "Ikhaman" Ngondo (previously with Tabu Le Rochereau) and Ilongomo "Elo" Ememe, Marcel Adjibi, vocalist and percussionist from Benin (Manu Dibango, John Densmore), Amadu Sabali from Senegal and American multi-lingual vocalists Chana (Tambu International Ensemble) and Suyen Mosely.

Personnel on "Dreams" include legendary British keyboardist Brian Auger (Steampacket, Brian Auger's Trinity, Oblivion Express) playing Hammond B3 and Fender-Rhodes. Nigeria's Remi Kabaka (guest percussionist on the Rolling Stones' Winter 2002 West Coast tour, and the only African musician on Paul McCartney's "Band On The Run" album) is featured on talking drum and percussion. Bassists André Manga, from Cameroon (Angelique Kidjo, Manu Dibango, Josh Groban) and Bobby Tsukamoto (Neil Larsen, Michael Landau) are also included. as well as Cameroonian EMI studio guitarist Louis Wasson, saxophonists Randall Willis (Gerald Wilson, B Sharp Quartet) and Bobby English (Lou Rawls, the Spinners), as well as Frederic Meschin on trumpet, and Chris Darrow (Kaleidoscope, James Taylor) on slide guitar.

"Mixing soul, house and jazz with African flavors ... the group's second record, 'Dreams', rises to the challenge of fusing lots of different influences while maintaining a distinct personality all its own. The entire record is so lovely and soulful that it is almost balearic at times, (Legendary keyboardist Brian Auger even guests on the album!). I must say that I find the project's overt melodicism quite refreshing in these days of distorted drums, acid synths and massive, squelchy bass (not that there's anything wrong with that- but sometimes a guy needs a little melody in his global fusions)."

– Bob Duski, President, Six Degrees Records

"An intriguing mixture of jazzy sensibilities (take a bow British Hammond organ legend Brian Auger, who guests throughout), modern grooves, Afro-beat and a variety of vocalists including Steve Ikhaman Ngondo, previously with Tabu Le Rochereau. An infusion for a warm summer evening, when the sun's gone down and the mosquitoes are warming up for an evening meal -- break out the margaritas and some refreshing TEA."

– World Music Charts Europe

"Tea is a group best served for any mood. It's an exhilarating mix of chilled-beats and warm sounds that intoxicate the listener into a 'dream'y state of veneration."

– Matthew Forss, Inside World Music

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