



New Release

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JOSÉ LUIZ MARTINS ODYSSEY MIXTAPE

"...Martins plays with a kind of joyous deliberation that has almost been forgotten to our uber rational culture...this album is a crowning achievement" **The Akademia**

From São Paulo, with stops along the way in Basel, Switzerland, New York, and now Washington, DC, pianist, composer José Luiz Martins seamlessly blends intriguing Brazilian harmonies and rhythms with his inspired takes on jazz, classical, and popular music, creating innovative and often soaring cinematic aural landscapes. His quartet, augmented by vocals, a judicious use of keyboards, and guitarist John Lee as a guest, explores pieces that were conceived during a period of great turmoil as he found ways to understand and overcome his debilitating neurological condition, Focal Dystonia. "Odyssey Mixtape" chronicles the interplay between depression and hope, as his ability to play was put on hold for an extended period, leaving his musical mind free to wander. The memories of his youthful interests in São Paulo co-mingle with his adult musical sensibilities, creating the core of the themes weaving throughout the album.



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MARKETING:

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- 4 BLOOM 5:58
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- 6 METAMORPHOSIS 6:48
- 7 TIERRA EXTRAÑA 5:29

JOSÉ LUIZ MARTINS piano, keys, synths
ALEX HAMBURGER flute, voice (4,6,7)
ROMEIR MENDEZ bass
DANA HAWKINS drums
JOHN LEE guitar (1,4,5)
NAKAMA voice (2)
TYRONE ALLEN II electric bass (2)
FLORIAN HAAS drums (2)

Produced by José Luiz Martins
& Alex Hamburger
Recorded by Dani Cortaza at
InTune Recording Studio, Adelphi, MD
Recorded on May 22-23, 2024
Mixed & mastered by Thiago Monteiro, São Paulo, Br.
Photos by Jamie Sandel
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All Music by José Luiz Martins (BMI), except:

(2) Music by José Luiz Martins, lyrics by Nakama; (3) Milton Nascimento & Ronaldo Ribeiro; (5) Tania Maria;
(4,6) lyrics by José Luiz Martins & Alex Hamburger; (7) lyrics by Alex Hamburger, poem by Ana Maria R. Cudas
(3, 5) arranged by José Luiz Martins

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