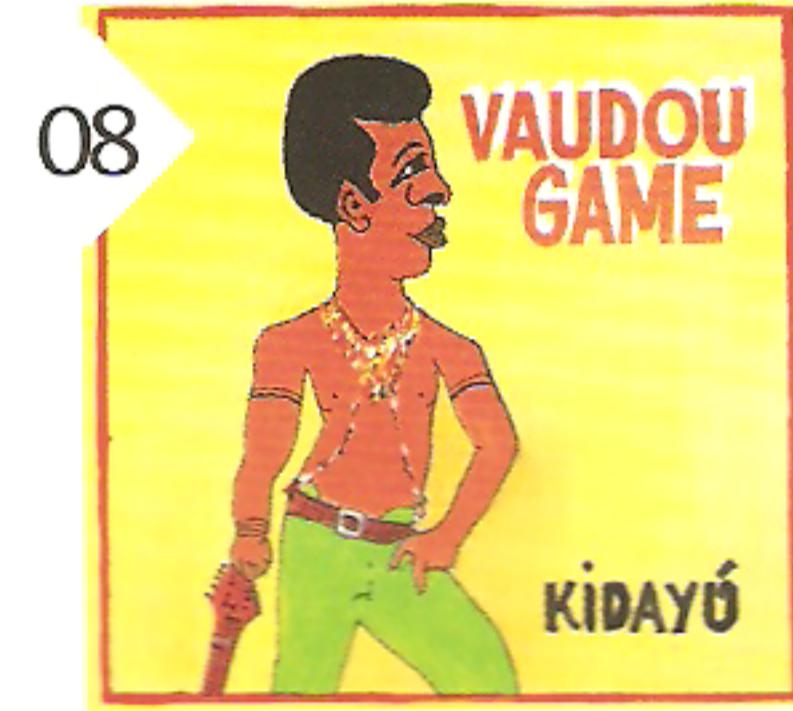
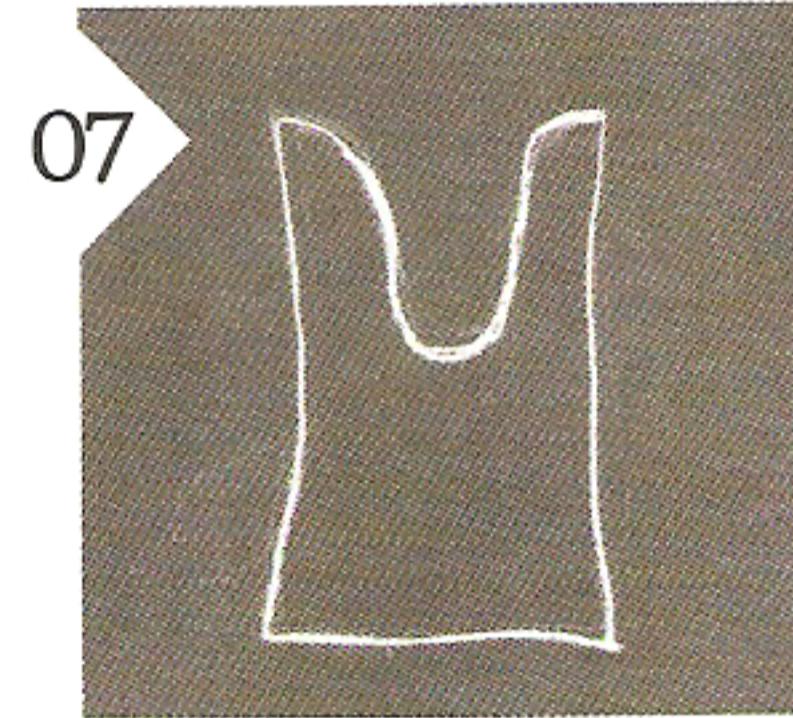
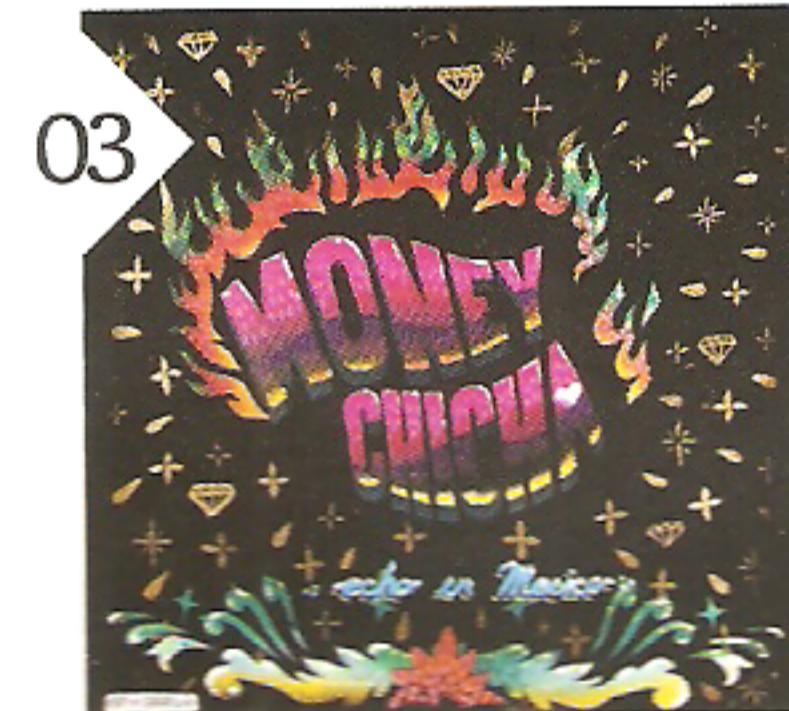
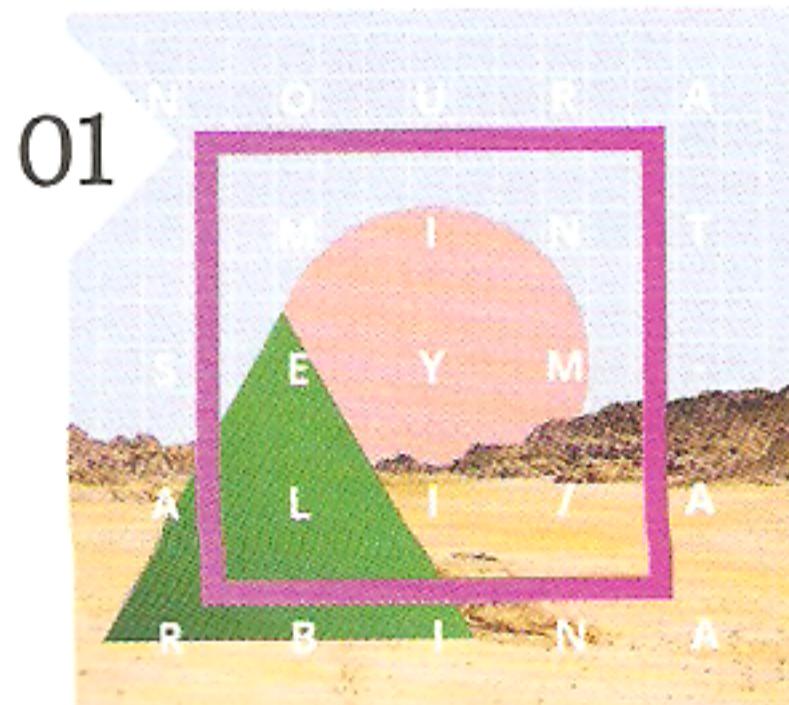


TOP OF THE WORLD

On your free CD – the editor's selection of the top ten new releases reviewed in this issue



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01 Noura Mint Seymali 'Arbina'

From *Arbina* on Glitterbeat

On her second album, the Mauritanian vocal powerhouse serves up psychedelic Saharan rock, with all ten tracks possessing an individuality that marks them out instantly. **See p50**

02 Ilaria Graziano & Francesco Forni 'Io Sono'

From *Come 2 Me* on Agualoca Records

This sparkling and sophisticated album features mesmerising alt-country explorations, which are inspired by American musical traditions. **See p68**

03 Money Chicha 'Lamento en la Selva'

From *Echo en Mexico* on Vampisoul

This Austin-based band provide a masterclass in Peruvian *chicha* style, giving the original sound extra punch and a retro refit with vintage organs and fuzz guitar effects. **See p53**

04 Martin Green 'Strange Sky'

From *Flit* on Reveal Records

This is another fascinating concept album from the accordionist with Lau. Its dark electronic sounds underpin poignant songs written and sung by a host of talented collaborators. **See p57**

05 Kefaya feat Deborshee Bhattacharjee 'Manush'

From *Radio International* on Radio International Records

This debut album fizzes with the energy of the international collective's acclaimed live shows and is hard hitting with its political commentary. **See p69**

06 Okra Playground 'Turmio'

From *Turmio* on Nordic Notes

The exciting Finnish group have produced a beguiling album informed by a distinctive approach to tradition. An effort full of captivating energy and magical textures. **See p59**

07 Xylouris White 'Black Peak'

From *Black Peak* on Bella Union

George Xylouris and Jim White deliver a work of raw power and rugged beauty, audaciously pushing their instruments to the limit while deftly balancing tradition and invention. **See p70**

08 Vaudou Game 'Chérie Nye'

From *Kidayú* on Hot Casa Records

Vaudou Game take a magpie-like approach to African music styles, uniquely blending Afrobeat, Ethio-jazz and highlife for an album that is unpredictable and fresh from start to finish. **See p51**

09 Josienne Clarke & Ben Walker 'Dawn of the Dark'

From *Overnight* on Rough Trade Records

The award-winning duo mix folk, country and 60s pop on an intimate and intense album that's carried by Clarke's haunting voice and Walker's arrangements. **See p56**

10 Constantinople 'Om al Maradem'

From *Passages* on Buda Musique

An intense musical dialogue between performers steeped in different Middle Eastern traditions, this album of original compositions is singular in conception and brilliantly performed. **See p65**