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Finnish folk pop has impressed many times before and now its time it does it again. It might be too strong to call Okra Playground a sensation, but the new CD is something you're nevertheless very happy about. Okra Playground is a supergroup of experienced singers and musicians from

different genres. The three skilled voices of the three women dominate the soundscape, whereas traditional instruments such as kantele come in and go out just rightly without disturbing the beautiful arrangements and impressing production with its modern rhythms and bass runs. Its not the first time folk music dresses up in modern clothes to reach a new audience, but the question is has it ever been done with such elegance as here. The song "Rautasuu - Steed of Sorrow", basically Finnish traditional lyrics with new music, has already waltzed its way to top lists and reached popularity on YouTube. The CD features it as the final song with an extended, powerful and almost hypnotic version. Okra Playground will be a favorite in the European World Music Festival scene in the future.

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