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AISHA DUO RELEASES DEBUT ALBUM *QUIET SONGS* ON OBLIQSOUND

Aisha Duo (meaning life in Arabic) bring a warmth of sound and purpose that take the vibraphone and marimba into an exciting new sonic territory of intimate lyricism.

Italians **Andrea Dulbecco** and **Luca Gusella** form an eclectic Marimba and Vibraphone duo with a distinctive intimate sound. Their debut album ***Quiet Songs (OS 502)*** features a transcription of eight of the "Children Songs" by **Chick Corea**, a selection of their own works and other compositions. The project was recorded in a 17th Century Church in Italy and features framedrums-master **Glen Velez**. Since the album's release, this subtle album and duo have acquired legions of fans around the world, largely through a gentle introduction of two tracks in Microsoft Vista's Windows Media Player.

The duo grew out of meeting in **Franco Campioni's** percussion class at the **Conservatory of Milan**. Encouraged by his father and exposed to jazz music from an early age, Andrea began his career as a child playing drums over **Count Basie** recordings. Luca cites the premature death of his friend **Beppe Sciuto**, an incredibly talented percussionist with whom he was duo collaborator, as the drive for creating **Aisha Duo**.

Founded on a wealth of musical affinities and reinforced by the desire to play contemporary music in between improvisation and composition.

The music of **Aisha Duo** is inspired by a diverse array of artists including **David Friedman**, and the **Gary Burton/Chick Corea** duo. In addition to featured compositions from Corea, ***Quiet Songs*** repertoire includes **Ralf Towner's** "Beneath an Evening Sky" which was released to much acclaim on ***The ObliqSound Sampler (OS 001)*** in 2003.

Aisha Duo's musical vision draws together the educational and enlightened aspects of contemporary music and at the same time opens up a world of expressive possibilities for the Vibraphone and the Marimba. The music shimmers with a vibrancy of percussive virtuosity while seducing the listener with lyrical and exquisite phrasing.

On guest percussionist **Glen Velez**, the duo gives a glowing tribute. "We love the subtle and lively pulse of his frame drums. He can give the same energy of a drum set but at incredibly low dynamics and with a clear, almost transparent texture." Also featured on the album is cellist **Marco Decimo**. **Aisha Duo** states, "Marco's beautiful sound, precise intonation, and elegant phrasing match his sensibility to improvise on our music".

Quiet Songs marks the second collaboration of producers **Michele Locatelli** and **Ralf Schmid** for ObliqSound. **Aisha Duo** is based in Italy and signed exclusively to the label. ObliqSound has extended its design and art synthesis to the **Quiet Songs CD**. Opulent design from **K Lab** of New York and package manufacturing from **Herzog & IDEX** of Germany enhance the brilliance of **Jorg Badura's** photography. The result is a distinct artistic work, both as a musical production and beautiful object.