

GRAND PIANORAMAX - THE BIGGEST PIANO IN TOWN



01. Showdown feat. Mike Ladd [Explicit Lyrics] (4:50)
02. Ride I : The Race (4:34)
03. Blue Gold feat. Invincible (4:44)
04. The Hook Introduction (1:44)
05. The Hook feat. Spleen & Celena Glenn (4:45)
06. Ride II : Driftin' (2:25)
07. Nikola Tesla (5:13)
08. In The Lab (6:13)
09. Tempest (5:30)

Featured Artists:

Leo Tardin > Grand Piano, Fender Rhodes, Minimoog, K-Station
Mike Ladd > Spoken Word (track 1)
Invincible > Rap (track 3)
Spleen > Rap, Vocals (track 5)
Celena Glenn > Spoken Word (track 5)
Marko Djordjevic > Voice-over (track 7)
Deantoni Parks > Drums (tracks 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9)

ARTIST:	Grand Pianoramax
TITLE:	The Biggest Piano In Town
GENRE:	Nu-Jazz (Elements of Phuture Funk/Hip-Hop/Spoken Word)
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THE EVOLUTION OF GRAND PIANORAMAX CONTINUES WITH LEO TARDIN'S SOPHOMORE RELEASE ON OBLIQSOUND

Leo Tardin adds new collaborators to Grand Pianoramax's pioneering sound on **The Biggest Piano In Town**, blending phuture funk, spoken word, hip-hop and the music of one of

Created by Leo Tardin, the premiere winner of the **Montreux Jazz Festival International Piano Solo Competition**, Grand Pianoramax is an all-live keyboards/drums duo with occasional guests MCs/vocalists blending Minimoog-synth bass, syncopated keys, organic drumming and freestyle spoken words improv/slam.

Grand Pianoramax's outstanding 2005 debut album featured Tardin with live drum-n-bass pioneer **Jojo Mayer** and drummer **Ferenc Nemeth**. The premiere album generated excellent press on both sides of the Atlantic. Album tracks saw over 43,000 downloads on iTunes USA during the promotion.

Tardin now brings a new cast of characters to bear on **The Biggest Piano in Town**, including NY-scene drummers **Deantoni Parks** [Kudu & sideman of The Mars Volta, Tom Waits, Me'shell Ndegéocello], **Adam Deitch**

(Talib Kweli, The Game, 50 Cent, John Scofield), American poets/MCs **Mike Ladd**, **Celena Glenn** (Coco Rosie), **Invincible** (Platinum Pied Pipers), and French folk/rap artist **Spleen**.

Primarily a live project, Leo Tardin has toured with Grand Pianoramax at venues including Joe's Pub, Jazz Standard, Nublu (NYC), Jazz Café (London), Moods (Zürich), Le Tryp-tique (Paris), Galeria ZDB (Lisbon), Bablyon (Istanbul), appeared on Sirius Satellite Radio, and at festivals around the world. A mini-tour (Portugal, Germany, Switzerland) in Nov '07 was sold-out. Radio Suisse Romande selected this new album as disc of the week across Switzerland. **The Biggest Piano in Town** was released already in Switzerland on Oct 22nd, 2007.

TOUR: USA and Canada in February/March 2008 as an opening act for the legendary funk/jazz saxophonist **Maceo Parker** (James Brown, P-Funk, Prince).

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