

LIONEL LOUEKE - VIRGIN FOREST



01. Prelude to Rossignol
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Featured Artists:

Lionel Loueke > Vocals, Guitars, Percussion
Herbie Hancock > Piano (tracks 9, 16)
Cyro Baptista > Percussion (tracks 2,4,6,10,12,13)
Gretchen Parlato > Vocals (tracks 2,4,5,12,18)
Gregoire Maret > Harmonica (track 15)
Massimo Biolcati > Acoustic Bass (tracks 2,4,5,8,12,14,15,18)
Ferenc Nemeth > Drums, Percussion (tracks 8,14,15,18)

ARTIST: **Lionel Loueke**
TITLE: **Virgin Forest**
GENRE: **Jazz / World (West Africa)**
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LABEL: **ObliqSound**
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LIONEL LOUEKE RELEASES DEBUT SOLO ALBUM ON OBLIQSOUND

"Loueke's playing and singing can only be described as remarkable" - Don Heckman, **LA Times**

"Lionel Loueke has already achieved greatness" - Bill Buettler, **Boston Globe**

"Loueke can stake his claim as a real original, an artist for whom notions of genre become an irrelevance. Such is the sheer beauty of his work." - Kevin Le Gendre, **BBC Jazz on 3**

Virgin Forest has a global sound that is deeply rooted in Mr. Loueke's African traditions, but embracing the Jazz genre.

Lionel Loueke's debut solo album on **ObliqSound** is making an incredible impact on the international jazz stage. A rising star, Lionel has already contributed to albums for **Terence Blanchard**, **Charlie Haden**, and **Herbie Hancock**, whom Loueke tours with regularly, received the cover feature story for **Jazziz Magazine** in May 2006.

Early reviews position **Virgin Forest** to become one of the groundbreaking jazz albums of our era. With virtually no "standards" performed on the album, **Virgin Forest** is a blend of original Loueke compositions and a series of one-on-one improvisations with **Herbie Han-**

cock and **Cyro Baptista**, exquisitely captured by renowned producer **Robert Sadin**.

**WINNER, Independent Music Awards 2008:
Best Song, World Traditional - Kponnon Kpète**
-FINALIST, Best Album, World Fusion

-Press features and reviews in Downbeat (Nov 06, July 07), LA Times, Boston Globe, Jazziz, JazzTimes, Jazziz (USA) Rolling Stone (DE), Record of the Month: Vibrations, Jazzmag and FIP (FR), 4.5 Stars; Echo Magazine, iTunes Song Of the Week (UK), appearance on Public Radio International's Fair Game with Faith Salie.

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