

Gilfema – GILFEMA + 2



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FEATURED ARTISTS

Lionel Loueke > guitar, vocals
Massimo Biolcati > acoustic bass
Ferenc Nemeth > drums
with
Anat Cohen > clarinet
John Ellis > bass clarinet, ocarina

Emphasis tracks: 1, 2, 4

Highly anticipated *Gilfema + 2* project reveals unique jazz and world perspective

Gilfema is the collaborative trio formed by West African guitarist/vocalist **Lionel Loueke** (#1 Rising Star Guitarist and #3 Rising Star Jazz Artist, Downbeat Critics Poll 2008, and Up & Coming Musician of the Year, 2008 Jazz Journalists Association), Swedish-Italian bassist **Massimo Biolcati** and Hungarian drummer **Ferenc Nemeth**. Even the name Gilfema—extracted from Lionel *GIL*les Loueke (his friends and family call him Gilles), *FE*renc Nemeth and *MA*ssimo Biolcati—is intended to emphasize the collaborative nature of the music created under this moniker.

Biolcati and Nemeth served as integral creative components of Loueke's solo debut for ObliqSound, 2006's *Virgin Forest* (which won a 2008 Independent Music Award), and in early 2008, as part of Lionel Loueke's Trio on his major label debut *Karibu* (**Billboard #8 Top Jazz**), released on BlueNote.

The trio's self-titled debut CD received critical acclaim worldwide, serving not only as a testament to the skill, experience and insight of each contributor, but also to the blend of jazz and world music that makes their sound so unique. Now, with *Gilfema + 2*, the group sought to expand their sound by inviting 2007 *Jazz Journalists Association* Clarinetist of the Year and 2008 Downbeat Critics Poll's #1 Rising Star Clarinetist **Anat Cohen** and **John Ellis**, one of the most exciting players on the current jazz scene, to accompany the trio. *Gilfema + 2* is a brilliant, cohesive album that is both pensive and uplifting.

Gilfema + 2 was recorded in all of two days in February. Its melodically luminous, rhythmically propulsive sound is indicative of the electricity that was constantly in the air as the musicians and producer **Michele Locatelli**, the president of ObliqSound, laid down the tracks.

Friends and musical collaborators since meeting at Berklee College of Music in 1999, the members of Gilfema exhibit the kind of intuitive interactivity that can only come from years of making music together.

PRESS

- Album reviews and music features anticipated in major music press, including Jaziz, Downbeat, JazzTimes, Time Out NY, All About Jazz, Relix, USA Today, New York Times, Village Voice, Los Angeles Times, Variety, Billboard, Vibe, and other key music and lifestyle publications

TOURING

- The three leads of Gilfema opened for **Herbie Hancock** at the **JVC Jazz Festival** this summer. Lionel Loueke is currently touring worldwide as a regular member of Herbie Hancock's band in support of the Grammy-winning album **River: The Joni Letters**, on which Loueke also performed.
- North American & European live dates for *Gilfema + 2* to be announced for winter 2008

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