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## OBLIQSOUND INTRODUCES *TRIUMPH OF TIME* THE DEBUT ALBUM FROM NEW ZEALANDER TAMA WAIPARA

Nobody sounds like Tama.

With **Tama Waipara's** upcoming *Triumph of Time* on ObliqSound, the New Zealand born singer/guitarist/composer unleashes his unique musical vision.

"Music is an amazingly influential and vibrant element in my cultural background," states Tama. "The Maori are a naturalistic and genealogically-based indigenous culture steeped in the traditions of our ancestors, or 'iwi.' Our culture is based on an ancestral oral tradition rich in chanted song and percussive, rhythmic music."

Tama's *Triumph of Time* is where thoughts become poetry, poetry becomes verse and verse becomes song. It is a diverse musical blueprint without boundaries; a fluid and eclectic foray into R&B, jazz, Latin rhythms and an amalgam of exotic indigenous music. The entire album reverberates with an intense candor and stirring spirituality.

Both **William Shakespeare** and turn-of-the century poet **A.C. Swinburne** are major inspirations whose lyrics are featured on this lush album. The first single, "Felise" features the special touch of Atlanta-based wunderkind, producer and remixer **Chris Brann** (under the **Ananda Project** moniker).

Tama has a growing fan base following extensive engagements in London, New York and Munich in 2003. He has garnered critical praise from his live shows in such distinguished venues as **Fabric** (London), **Notting Hill Arts Club** (London), **Joe's Pub** (at the legendary **Public Theater**), **Makor** and World Music venue **Satalla** in New York City. He has made repeated appearances on 200,000 listener **Light Show** on **WBAI-FM** in New York and in December 2003 was invited to perform live on a **WBAI** benefit that featured such musical giants as **Roy Ayers** and **Groove Collective**. His upcoming release is generating excitement both within the industry and in record buyers who pride themselves on their adventurous musical tastes.

*Triumph of Time* will take you on an aural and lyrical journey.

- One of the most uniquely "different" releases to ever grace our pages – **Blues & Soul**
- Voted BEST MAORI ALBUM 2003 **NZ Star Times**
- Samba Afro Deepness! – **Mr. Scruff**

*Triumph of Time* (OS 101) released May 4, 2004 on ObliqSound