

QuiXote–Music presents:

Ornah-Mental

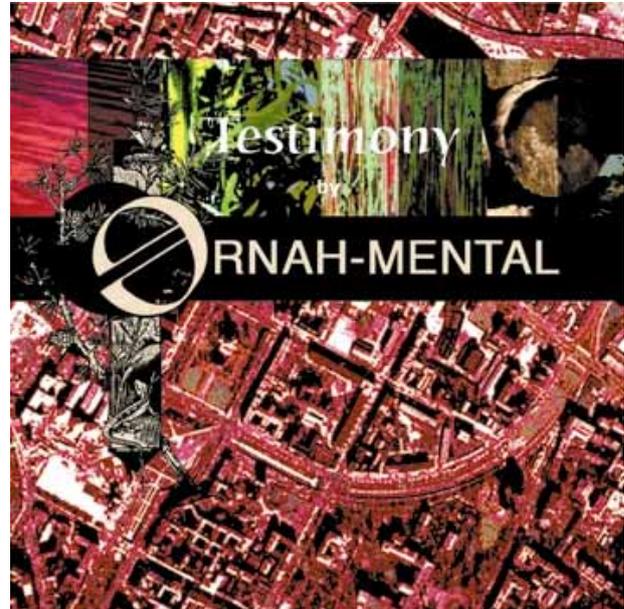
line up:

Dirk Schlömer: Guitar, Vox, Loops,
Keyboards
Carsten Agthe: Darabouka, Djembe,
Congas, Cymbals
Timothy Campling: Sitar (6), Dilruba (9)
Maria Ledwoch: Vox (7)
Sonny Thet: Cello (3)

track list:

1. Redemption Dub
2. Babylon Playground
3. Cara-Wahn
4. Testimony
5. And at the Speed of Light
6. Bliss N° 9
7. Driving into dawn
8. Ouspensky's Dream
9. Come with me

Testimony



The Magic Carpet takes off again - this time into the heavens over Berlin.

The tale of economic miracle and reunification has suffered scratches and bruises by the reality of the new Millenium. Yet, inside the gaps of seeming chaos and under the surface of ubiquitous haste, new inexplicable patterns have been woven. Short trips into the realm of Nature offer intervals from the inexorable dictates of day-to-day life in Germany's capital city.

Testimony ranges from space-dub with oriental flair (*Cara-Wahn*) to dark psycedelic trips (*And at the Speed of Light*) to longings for free sight and distant spheres (*Bliss N° 9*). Contrasting treated electronic beats 'n sounds and intricate improvisations performed on guitar and other 'natural' instruments like sitar has become a major ingredient of **Dirk Schloemer's** style (as could be heard in *Das Zeichen* or *Ornah-Mental's* debut album A to Z). Taking chances in virtuosity and free improvisational parts has increased on **Testimony**, the love of slow(er) tempi and downbeat remained. De-accelleration is the message. Slow-ness is pure magic when consciously approached.

Dirk Schloemer – pro musician since 1980 – is *Ornah-Mental's* founder and main protagonist. He played guitar for *Ton Steine Scherben* and *Neues Glas aus alten Scherben*, was the mastermind behind numerous Space-, Trance- and Dark Wave projects like *Das Zeichen*, *Zeitreiser* and *Stella Maris* (to name a few), and has almost 25 years of experience as a studio pro e.g. at such honorable houses as Hansa, EMI and Peter Gabriel's Real World.

For **Testimony**, he invited *Das Zeichen* musicians **Carsten Agthe**, percussionist and cutting-edge music-journalist, and Cambodian cellist **Sonny Thet**, who also played for *Bajon* (one of the few real Ethno bands which existed in the former GDR). Dirk's daughter **Maria** gave her debut as a singer on 'Driving into Dawn'. New passenger on the Magic *Ornah-Mental* Carpet is Welsh guitarist **Timothy Campling**, who, after his study of classical guitar in Paris and several spiritual experiences, focussed on Indian music and mastering of the sitar and esraja.

The live line-up is completed by **Leander Reininghaus** (guitar, vox), who enjoyed being a Guitar Craft student under *Robert Fripp* (*King Crimson*) and playing a.o. with *Charlie Mariano*, *Roland Schaeffer* (*Guru Guru*) and his World Music band *Moka Etti*.

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