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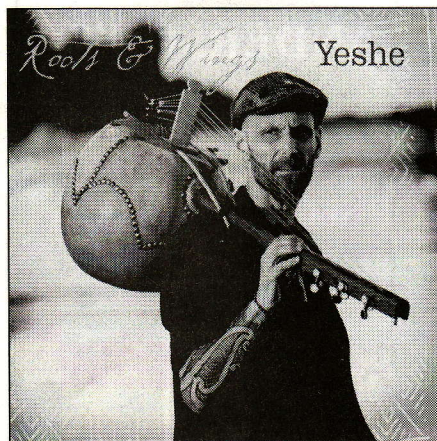
Reviewed by Richard Giles

CRYSTAL KEYS

by Lia Scallon

Sounds of Sirius, Aust, 2011 (60mins)
Distributor: Australia—Sounds of
Sirius, tel (07) 4032 0767,
www.soundsofsirius.com

Lia Scallon is a singer, sound healer and channeller. On her ninth album, *Crystal Keys*, Lia's voice and music carry coded crystal key sounds to unlock doorways in the heart and soul, helping us wake up to a new Earth consciousness and heal at the deepest levels. In ancient times, these codes were produced in the sacred sound chambers of Egypt and the temples of Atlantis and Lemuria. Lia provides information about each key sound to help us tune into these powerful crystalline frequencies for healing and upliftment. Her superb vocals carry us to great heights.



ROOTS & WINGS

by Yeshe

World Citizen Records, 2010 (50mins)
Distributor: Australia—World Citizen
Records, tel (02) 9283 4162,
www.yeshemusic.com,
www.worldcitizenrecords.com

Yeshe has already made it onto the world music scene with a win in 2008 in the World category of the 16th *Billboard* World Song Contest. On his new global fusion CD, he includes international musicians such as Harry

Manx (Canada), Tefo Hlaele (South Africa), Ganga Giri and Cye Wood (Australia), and Siaka Diarra (West Africa). Yeshe studied percussion under Ghanaian master Mustapha Tettey Addy, and also learned the *mbira* and *kamale ngoni* with other tribal mentors. Here he combines western sounds with African roots for a beautiful, softly global record.

CICADA

by Hazmat Modine

Barbès Records, NY, 2011 (51mins)
Distributors: Aust—Diaspora Media/
The Planet Company, tel (02) 9283
4162; USA—Barbès Records, tel (212)
465 9808, www.barbesrecords.com

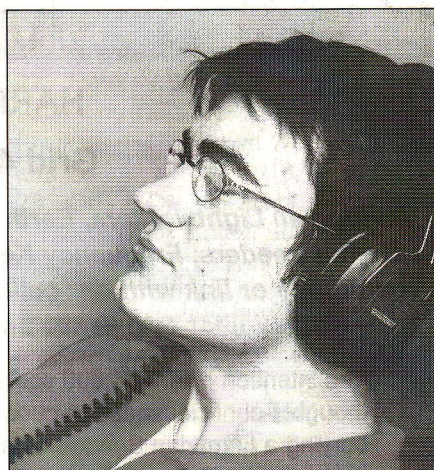
The eight inventive musicians of Hazmat Modine create a tone that's earthy and mysterious. They combine steel guitar, harmonicas and percussion with found sounds gathered in their travels around the world. A solid horn section from guest artists the Gangbé Brass Band transforms the musical language. Hazmat Modine is also joined by the Kronos Quartet. *Cicada* is a feast of textures, hues and dynamics from this American group with "a planet's worth of sounds at their fingertips". A worthy, involving and exciting album.

EARTH RESONANCES

by Thomas Chochola

TC Music, Switzerland, 2011 (50mins)
Distributors: Australia—NTP Health
Products, tel 1800 225 500;
Switzerland—TC Energy Design, tel +41
(41) 622 0089, tcenergydesign.com

Based on the research of Swiss scientist Hans Cousto, this work recreates the harmonising energy of happiness, neutralises noise, energises the immune system, balances overexposure to e-smog, supports therapeutic energy work, and reduces stress and psychic imbalance. The sounds reproduce the resonances of planetary movements and basic life rhythms. Thomas Chochola's music is ideal for the clinic and at home.



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