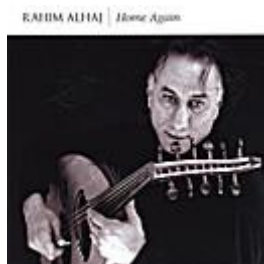


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"Home Again continues the remarkable CD listening journey that Rahim Alhaj has offered his world audience since settling in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 2000. This deeply personal and poetic recording, like the Second Baghdad (2002), Iraqi Music in a Time of War (2003), Friendship (2005), and When the Soul is Settled (2006), documents the passion of an Iraqi musician to turn the pains of refugee life into an act of global citizenship. In composition after composition, we hear Rahim grapple with place and memory, with sound and sentiment. His ability to musically reside in multiple realities is a grand testimony to the power of musical cosmopolitanism in these times." Steven Feld, Distinguished Professor of

Anthropology and Music, The University of New Mexico Review on Back Cover of the CD by Bill Frisell

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