

Mp3 Ben Makinen - Lost Lullaby



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A Nomads journey through unfamiliar landscapes that evoke childhood memories, now found only in elusive dreams. 8 MP3 Songs ELECTRONIC: Soundscapes, NEW AGE: Ambient Details: CONTACT Ben Makinen Bmakin Music (720) 628-2267 E-mail: benmakinen@mac.com benmakinen.com Lost Lullaby, Debut CD from Drummer Ben Makinen, Is Now Available on the Bmakin Music Label Lost Lullaby, the debut CD from drummer and percussionist Ben Makinen, captures the soothing, relatively drum-free soundscapes that swirl through his mind in the quiet spaces between gigs. Lost Lullaby is about exploring the unknown with a calm spirit and encountering the unexpected with an open mind. The mostly improvised tracks took shape on the keyboard somewhere between midnight and dawn during his wife's pregnancy with their first child. "There's a side of me that can't just stick to the drums," Makinen says. "Don't get me wrong. I love playing live--the energy, the crowds. Starting a couple of years ago, when I came home after a gig, I started needing to find a quiet place to chill, to let tranquility work its magic on me. When I finally found that place, the compositions just started to flow. With our daughter, Dakota Anne, on the way, I became totally inspired. The compositions on Lost Lullaby were my first gift to her." As a leader and sideman, Makinen has performed on nearly two dozen CDs, five of which he also produced: Lost Lullaby (2005), Tom Ball's Fishleather Jacket (2005), Clay Cabe's December (2004), Area 15 Live (2002), and Rekha Ohal's Rekha (1996). Finding that quiet space has fueled Makinen's creative energies, which have led him right back into the studio. His plans for the rest of 2005 include producing at least three more CDs: The Goliath Beetle and the Ladybug Jam and Quizzical Glance, both featuring his own compositions; and Clay Cabe's second CD, The Underworld. Before becoming a full-time father, Makinen toured the world for nearly two decades with R&B, funk, and rock bands, jazz trios and big bands, and avant-garde electronic ensembles; with Broadway shows; on cruise ships; and with opera

troupes and symphonic orchestras. Lost Lullaby can be heard in rotation on the Internet radio stations streetblastand bandradio.com. Makinen also performs live in the Denver area, where he leads the high-energy jazz trio Area 15 (cdbaby.com/area15). Ben maintains a busy schedule producing and performing. His plans include scoring music for film. Makinen intends to compile a Best Of...CD. "Obtaining the rights is a big hoop to jump through", Makinen laughs, "but the wait will be worth it. There are so many talented musicians in Colorado and I have fun playing with them. The collection of songs will appeal to a diverse audience-From Blues to Bop, and from Folk to Funk!" Feel free to email him at benmakinen@mac.com.

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