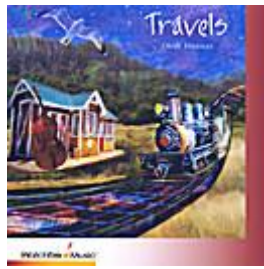


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Instrumental, trance-hop and world fusion, ambient music, very eclectic. 7 MP3 Songs in this album (66:22) ! Related styles: NEW AGE: Ambient, WORLD: World Fusion People who are interested in Special EFX Genesis Peter Gabriel should consider this download. Details: Chieli Minucci is the leader of the Grammy-nominated contemporary jazz group Special EFX, which formed in 1982. Minucci Special EFX have recorded a combined 23 CDs, 6 of those being solo releases. In addition Minucci has recorded and performed with top pop artists such as Celine Dion, Lionel Richie, Jennifer Lopez, Jewel, Mark Anthony, Jessica Simpson, Anastasia and others, as well as jazz artists Marion Meadows, Jay Beckenstein, Gerald Veasley, Lao Tizer, Nestor Terez, Bob Baldwin, and many others. His father, Ulpio Minucci (concert pianist/composer) wrote the now 'standard' 1955 hit song "Domani," as well as "A Thousand Thoughts of You," and "Felicia" (both sung by Nat King Cole). Also known as a composer for television and film, Minucci was nominated for several Daytime Emmy Awards and has won three, in 1998, 2007, and most recently in 2008, for his compositional work on CBS's The Guiding Light. He has written music for well-known programs such as Good Morning America (theme), Bloomberg Radio (theme), Access Hollywood, The 700 Club, and others. He also contributed music to the soundtracks of Bowfinger (1999) and Panic (2000), as well as most recently to 'Lifted' (2007). Minucci composed and produced the soundtrack for the Live Nation/Nickelodeon live stage productions of the hit TV series, Dora the Explorer (both 'Dora's Pirate Adventure ,' and 'The City of Lost Toys') which are currently touring internationally. He also wrote and recorded songs for the live stage production of the long-running British children's television show, Thomas Friends Live! - Thomas Saves The Day! full bio information Chieli Minucci was born and raised in NYC. Son of Catherine Ulpio Minucci (concert pianist/composer, who wrote the 50s hit, Domani (Julius LaRosa), A Thousand Thoughts of You, and Felicia (both Nat King

Cole). Chieli grew up in Queens, NY, where he still resides today. He began music early on, studying classical piano from the age of 5, and eventually switched over to guitar at 8. He was continually surrounded by the sound of music, through his father's piano playing, and composing, which was to play a key role in his musical future as a writer himself. At age 13 he joined neighborhood friends to form the band, Taurus, which stayed together for about 3 years. Chieli did a great deal of performing and traveling with this band, performing regularly on the Italian Line Cruise ships during Christmas and Easter school holidays, as well as countless school dances and parties, as well as local bars. It was during these teen years that he developed his love for performing, writing, singing, and traveling, all through music. He attended Ithaca College in upstate NY, where he initially majored in music, studying classical guitar, but eventually settled in as an English major. He continued studying music theory, history, solfeggio, composition, and big band arranging, as well as joining various local groups: Amethyst, a folk/pop trio; The New Band, his first foray into fusion-jazz/rock; Fast Food, a new wave vocal/rock group; Colombo, a Brazilian trio; and finally, a long stint in Gumbo, an original instrumental/fusion rock quartet. The college life gave Chieli an opportunity to be a part of many diverse musical situations, which was key in his future as a composer/guitarist. Following college he returned to NYC, studying composition privately with Nicolas Flagello. From ages 23 through 25 Minucci worked with many acts: The Commotion, Fran Eckhart, China Davis Band, Sapho, as well as continuing to write his own music, in particular, pop vocal music, for which he teamed up with lyricists Bobby Matthews and Norman Simon. He performed in various groups, including a two-year stint with Eartha Kitt, and eventually The B.B. Q. Band (Capital), as well as a brief run with the Lou Reed Band, which featured the rhythm section of Fernando Saunders on bass, as well as J.T. Lewis on drums. (soon to become the first rhythm section lineup of Special EFX). Chieli performed at the original Farm Aid concert with Lou Reed as well. It was during this period that he met Hungarian drummer/percussionist, George Jinda. Soon after meeting George, the two musicians formed Special Delivery, which landed a recording contract in 1982 with Keytone Records, in Holland. Their first LP, simply entitled, Special EFX was eventually picked up for USA distribution by GRP Records (Larry Rosen/Dave Grusin) in NYC. By 1984 Special EFX (newly renamed) had its first US release out in the stores, and the band began its present adventures in touring and performing. Since then Special EFX has recorded 17 CDs, and Chieli has recorded 6 solo CDs on his own. 'Chieli Minucci with Special EFX' is still touring regularly. Chieli has been busy in a wide variety of musical projects, which include recording

and performing with top pop artists Celine Dion, Lionel Richie, Jennifer Lopez, Jewel, Mark Anthony, Jessica Simpson, Anastasia and others....as well as jazz artists Marion Meadows, Jay Beckenstein, Gerald Veasley, Lao Tizer, Nestor Torez, Bob Baldwin, and many others.... Chieli also has a multimedia website, ChieliMusic.com, which features video, multiple soundclips, individual song downloads from all 23 CDs, as well as all biographical material, full electronic press-kit, etc...

_____ RECENT ACTIVITIES as of 9/08 _____ The new CDs, 'Sweet Surrender' and 'Travels' are now available. Chieli appeared on both ABC's Good Morning America and the Rachael Ray Show alongside singer Michael Bolton. 2008 Emmy Award for Best Music Composition on a Daytime Drama (CBS's Guiding Light) One of the primary composers, since 1999. Has composed over 600 individual cues, and continues to regularly score background music for the show, which is enjoying it's 71st anniversary season on television! On tour in support of Special EFX's first live concert DVD release, 'A Night With Chieli Minucci Special EFX' as well as 'Sweet Surrender ' Special EFX's 17th CD release. - My Girl Sunday, from 'Sweet On You' was a top five record in 2001 - Cruise Control, from 'Butterfly' was #1 in 2002 (1315 spins in 2006 alone!!!!) - Kickin' it Hard, from 'Night Grooves' was a top five record in 2003 - The Juice, from 'Got It Goin' On' was Top Ten in 2005 (2685 spins to date in 2006) Composed and produced the soundtrack for the 2003-2006 Live Nation/Nickolodeon live tour productions of the hit TV series, Dora the Explorer. Both 'Dora's Pirate Adventure , ' and 'The City of Lost Toys', currently touring internationally. Chieli has written and recorded the soundtrack for the smash hit Themestar stage production of the long-running British kid's TV show, Thomas Friends Live! - Thomas Saves The Day ! Chieli and Emanuel Kallins continue to score/produce music for Gotham Music, the diverse music production company with compositions and cues being heard all over network television, cable, radio, feature films, etc..... recently 'Good Morning America' has been featuring one of their original compositions as part of their opening theme.... The music can also regularly be heard on such diverse programs as Access Hollywood, Primetime Live, the 700 Clubeven Howard Stern! _____ 'Sweet Surrender' biography Guitar Wizard Contemporary Jazz Pioneers Chieli Minucci Special EFX Celebrate Silver Anniversary with Exhilarating New CD Sweet Surrender extraordinary range and technical finesse. - JazzTimes Magazine "Chieli Minucci is both an influential elder statesman and true innovator." Jazziz Magazine Grammy nominated and chart-topping sensation Chieli Minucci and Special EFX are at it again! Just in time for their Silver

Anniversary the contemporary jazz super-group has crafted the ultimate sonic elixir of mind-bending and mood-enhancing compositions on their latest Shanachie Entertainment CD Sweet Surrender. Proving to be a masterful musical chameleon, guitar wizard, composer and arranger Chieli Minucci produces a recording which embodies all the finest elements of contemporary jazz but in his typical fashion challenges the music to incorporate his influences of jazz, world-fusion, rock, dance and house. The concept for Sweet Surrender was to capture the intense energy we strive for at a live concert, but in a studio setting. I also wanted to showcase the eclectic styles we've explored over the last 20 plus years, says Minucci. Few bands in contemporary jazz have been as entertaining and artistically satisfying as Special EFX. Spearheaded by guitarist Chieli Minucci and co-founded by the late percussionist George Jinda, Special EFX helped to pave the road for contemporary jazz during its early years in the 80s and they continue to set the standard. Emmy-winning artist Chieli Minuccis (pronounced Kee-eli Mee-noo-che) impressive credits include recording/performance credits with pop icons Celine Dion, The Backstreet Boys, Jennifer Lopez, Lionel Richie, Jewel, Mark Anthony, and Jessica Simpson, among numerous others, as well as a long stint as a composer for the popular soap opera Guiding Light. The in demand session player sums up the secret behind his adaptability as a musician. The guitarist declares, You cant keep doing the same thing over and over and still be true to the music. Miles Davis was a role model for me when he came out of retirement because he had already said all there was to say with traditional jazz, so he tried experimenting with new sounds and seeing where he could take them. At first people complained, but it was groundbreaking in its own way. In the same way, I try to let my music evolve. Sweet Surrender showcases a fresh mix of irresistible grooves filled with funky memorable hooks, lyrical sweeping melodies, head-nodding polyrhythmic romps and dance inducing and body shaking rhythms. Highlights on the CD include Mystical, the albums first single, sure to skyrocket to the top of the charts with its funky syncopated melody, surprising chord changes and infectious grooves and the tour-de-force Au Naturel which exposes Chielis virtuoso guitar skills and keen compositional chops (Minucci wrote all the songs on the CD). Sweet Surrender also features such standouts as the bluesy and soulful Guitarzzz which Minucci describes as a cross between the Allman Brothers and contemporary jazz and the trip-hop and electronica tinged Ascension, as well as the carnival-like fare Childrens Day, which was penned in homage to an annual neighborhood event in Chieli Minuccis native Forest Hills, Queens. There are also some tender and hauntingly beautiful moments on Sweet Surrender with tracks

like Chant featuring the vocals of Philip Hamilton and the title track which Chieli based on the Babyface and Eric Clapton collaboration Change the World. Sweet Surrender features Chieli Minucci alongside 'core' Special EFX band members saxophonist and flutist David Mann, drummer Lionel Cordew, vocalist and percussionist Philip Hamilton, pianist and keyboardist Jay Rowe and bassist Jerry Brooks, as well as a few guest musicians. As Special EFX embarks on its 25th year as torchbearers of innovative and inspiring instrumental music, Chieli Minucci reflects on the band's longevity in the music business. "One of the reasons we have been able to maintain our popularity is because we have evolved and changed over the years. When the band first started we had a heavy world music influence. Later we highlighted more of a progressive rock sound, followed by acid jazz and now we have more of a rhythm and blues influence. When people hear our music, they can expect to hear a little of everything! Chieli Minucci was born in Huntington, Long Island, but grew up in nearby Forest Hills, Queens, where he still resides. His father (composer Ulpio Minucci, who wrote songs for Bing Crosby, Julius LaRosa, and Nat King Cole) introduced him to the piano at age six and encouraged him to become a composer. Now Chieli is passing this love on to his own son who is a budding young bassist. His daughter, by the way, is also a musician. Three generations of musical Minuccis. Look out! Chieli fell in love with the guitar at age eight, a love-affair that continues today. He formed his first group, Taurus, at age 13 and got his introduction to jazz while attending Ithaca College in upstate New York. After college he gained some invaluable on-the-gig training with the NYC-based R&B band BB Q. He then met percussionist George Jinda at a jam session and they formed Special EFX in 1982, recording for GRP, JVC and ultimately Shanachie as they helped chart the evolution of contemporary jazz. Minucci also recorded three solo projects for JVC before signing with Shanachie in 2000. His previous Shanachie releases, Sweet on You and Night Grooves both spawned top charting Smooth Jazz radio singles (with Cruise Control from Special EFX's Butterfly staying at #1 an incredible five weeks and "My Girl Sunday" from Sweet on You hitting #2, and more recently, Kickin It Hard, from Night Grooves staying on the charts for a record breaking 33 weeks!) Clearly Chieli has arrived as a solo artist. Chieli also has earned several Emmy Award nominations for his music on the long-running NBC daytime drama "The Guiding Light" (winning one in 1998) and has worked with Gotham Music on their productions of CDs geared toward such niche directions as extreme sports, horror music and orchestral music for the post-9/11 project Patriotism Explosive Drama. In 2003 Special EFX released the well-received Party which featured the popular single Ladies Man. In 2005 Chieli Minucci released

Got it Goin On which spawned the top five hit The Juice. It was followed by the DVD A Night with Chieli Minucci Special EFX which showcased a high-octane performance recorded at the world famous Harbourfront Centre Theatre in Toronto. With the highly anticipated release of Sweet Surrender, Chieli Minucci and Special EFX prove why they have remained one of contemporary jazzs most relevant, innovative and exciting bands. Chieli concludes, I hope my fans will experience a roller coaster ride of enjoyment as we take them through our paces! Print TV Contact: Monifa Brown (973) 579-7763 EXT 26 mbrown@shanachie.com Radio Contacts: Bill Cason (516) 627-3682 billshanachie@optonline.net

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