

## Mp3 Te Vaka - Olatia



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Tribal, rootsy atmospheric, Olatia is a refreshing antidote to much of today's self-obsessed pop. Te Vaka will appeal to world music fanatics, new-agers, smooth-jazz listeners and anyone that appreciates gorgeous harmonies infectious log-drum rhythms. 13 MP3 Songs WORLD: South Pacific, EASY LISTENING: Mood Music Details: Te Vaka is a group of ten musicians and dancers from Tokelau, Tuvalu, Samoa, Cook Islands, and New Zealand brought together under the inspired leadership of Opetaiia Foa'i, one of New Zealand's finest songwriters. They have been wowing international audiences since 1997, presenting a rich, luscious mix of Polynesia's ancient culture, to the modern world and have just been announced the winners of the Best Pacific Group award in the 2008 Pacific Music Awards Te Vaka has performed in the USA and toured the UK, Europe other parts of the world extensively over the last 11 years, performing in such prestigious venues as Londons Royal Festival Hall and Ronnie Scotts nightclub. The group has headlined music festivals throughout Europe and been favourites at WOMAD festivals around the world including the WOMAD Festival in Seattle, USA. They have been nominated for two BBC Radio 3, World Music Awards - Best Asia Pacific and the Audience Choice Award categories. Opetaiia Foa'i is the songwriter/ lead vocalist of the group. The inspiration for his music comes from his multi-cultural upbringing - half Tokelauan, half Tuvaluan, born in Samoa and brought up in a Tokelauan community in New Zealand. Opetaias musical background spans both the traditional and the diverse influences of contemporary metropolitan culture. Described as one of New Zealands finest songwriters and a true son of the Pacific, he won the Senior Pacific Artist award in 2005 for his contribution to the Pacific Arts. Te Vaka has performed in over 30 countries around the world and released five albums to date. The first gained immediate worldwide acclaim and recognition for the group. Released through ARC Music, a UK based Record company, the album was distributed to over 80 countries. The second album,

released in 1999 through Warm Earth Records has created an even bigger impact going to number one on world music charts and in some countries mainstream radio. The third album, released in May 2002, has been described as Phenomenal and gained the group a nomination in Best Roots category in the New Zealand music awards. The 4th album Tutuki , entered the European World Music Charts at no. 4 the Global Rhythm top 10 chart at no. 3. It won a Tui for Best Pacific Music Album in the New Zealand music awards. The latest Te Vaka album Olatia, released in July 2007 is achieving rave reviews, also entering the European World Music Chart at No. 4 and currently winning "Best Pacific Album" in the New Zealand music awards. People who are interested in Manu Chao Ojos de Brujo Oliver Tuku Mtukudzi should consider this download.

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