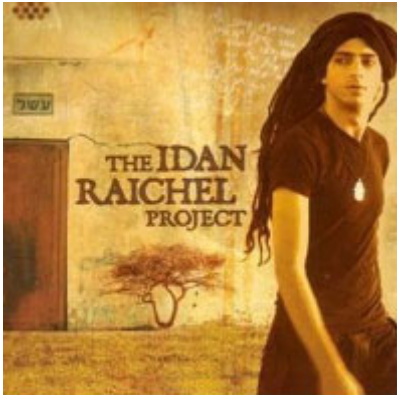


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**Producer(s):** Idan Raichel, Gilad Shmueli

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This disc is surely one of the most fascinating titles to emerge in world music this year. Israeli keyboardist/composer Idan Raichel, who has become quite an item among Israel's and Ethiopia's music fans, collaborates here with Ethiopian immigrants in Israel, particularly vocalist Cabra Casey. The tunes are terribly alluring, and each song definitely has a life of its own. Make note of the superb, haunting groove of "Mi'Ma'amakim," an exquisite blending of a Raichel lyric and "Nanu Nanu Ney," a traditional Ethiopian song. "Brong Faya," sung by Suriname native Sergio Braams, boasts a strong hint of reggae, while "Azini," featuring Arab-Israeli vocalist Mira Anwar Awad, is a dramatic ballad with a pronounced Middle Eastern feel. Raichel's U.S. debut is a multi-ethnic tour de force. —Philip Van Vleck