

Dear music friends, fans and colleagues, you are receiving this email because of your interest in this music and related news. With this newsletter, I'd like to keep you updated about my new concert dates, videos and the latest album reviews. If you want not to receive them anymore, please unsubscribe via the link below.

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## **Dancing Statues**



### **Embracing Colours:**

Mehmet Polat - Ud & Compositions

Joan Terol Amigo - Drums

Hendrik Müller - Bass

Bart Lelivelt - Accordion

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**Save the date 13 September in Bimhuis, for our album release concert!**

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Embracing Colours is a new jazzier ground for my - mostly modal - jazz compositions. After years of international touring and inspired by the rich musical traditions of the Middle East, Africa, India, Europe and the Balkans, I decided to explore my music within this new jazz band. I've often felt jazz to be present when improvising, composing, playing a groove. Bringing the musicians of Embracing Colours together has brought these jazz-inspired compositions to life. Joan Terol Amigo is a genius on drums, Hendrik Müller is a master of grooves on bass and Bart Lelivelt is a brilliant accordion player. The ud is a traditional instrument played in all Arabic countries, West Asia and Eastern Europe, and can be a great connector of cultures. Making the album together has enriched my compositions, pulling me out of my harmonic comfort zone and into new chord progressions. It's been a pleasure and thoroughly rewarding experience. The compositions on this Quantum Leap album come from the heart and tell a musical story of discovery, growth and progress in a world of learning.

**"Quantum Leap is richly melodic and spreads out over many musical horizons. A must-**

have album” - *Jazz Halo, Belgium*

“There are 12 songs in the album, each one is a gem. Quantum Leap absolutely must be listened.”

*On Top Of Music, Netherlands*

“Cultures meet, new music emerges and a small miracle happens – the music seems timeless and breathtakingly beautiful.” – *Moors Magazine, Belgium*

“A perfect combination of folk and jazz – Chapeau for this amazing album!” – *Rootstime, Belgium*

**The album is available on all digital platforms!**

Available at **music stores** in the **Netherlands, Belgium and Luxemburg** (distributed via Xango Music).

**Buy CD via Bandcamp**

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**Ageless garden in DOUBLE VINYL**



My previous ud album **Ageless garden** is now available also in **double vinyl**.

Haunting, relevant, gorgeous blend - *New York Music Daily*

Expresses the feelings and thoughts of a wandering world citizen - *New Folk Sounds*

Musical eruptions emerge from virtuosic passages, building up and up, like an agitated, rumbling volcano that subsequently spouts its lava into the air - *Mixed World Music*

\* On the top 10 list 'Best of 2018 World Music Charts' - Global Music Network

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### Upcoming concerts

6 August Mehmet Polat Trio CCAS tour in France - LE MONETIER LES BAINS

7 August Mehmet Polat Trio CCAS tour in France - LE SAUZE - BRACELONNETTE  
Centre de vacances



8 August Mehmet Polat Trio CCAS tour in France - SAINT MARTIN DE VESUBIE

9 August Mehmet Polat Trio CCAS tour in France - LE RAYET  
CMCAS de Nice "Le Rayet", Falicon

10 August Mehmet Polat Trio CCAS tour in France - SIX FOURS LES PLAGES

12 August Mehmet Polat Trio CCAS tour in France - SAINT RAPHAEL "SANTA LUCIA"

13 August Mehmet Polat Trio CCAS tour in France - SAINT RAPHAEL "LES GENEVRIERS"

14 August Mehmet Polat Trio CCAS tour in France - LE LAVANDOU  
Campeole a Cavaliere

15 August Mehmet Polat Trio CCAS tour in France - LE PRADET  
Vacances Passion

16 August Mehmet Polat Trio CCAS tour in France - CHORGES  
Campeole "Baie de la chapelle"

24 August at 12.30 Solo concert at Uitmarkt  
**Concertgebouw, Amsterdam**

25-30 August Mehmet Polat Trio in festival Sharq Taronalari  
Tashkent, Uzbekistan (tbc)

4 September Wereldmuziek in de wijk - Dymphi Peeters & Laura Fraticelli  
De Meevaart, Amsterdam

6 September Improvisation concert with Dragonfly, Ecstatic dance  
Barbeton, Utrecht

7 September Concert with Istanbul Classical Turkish Music Choir  
Sloterplas Art Festival, Amsterdam

**13 September** Album release Quantum Leap  
**Bimhuis, Amsterdam**

**20 September** Album release 'Onhoudbare verzen' by Bart Top and Mehmet Polat  
**Perdu, Amsterdam**

28 September Solo concert during Exhibition HALTE  
Eindhoven Contemporary Art Centre

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