

The popularity of Brazilian music from the 60s, 70s and 80s has experienced quite the renaissance; artists such as **Gal Costa**, **Gilberto Gil**, **Arthur Verocai**, **Joyce** et al, have become household names to an international audience passionate about global sounds. However, even for die-hard fans and collectors of Brazilian music of the past, discovering contemporary Brazilian artists is not always easy, nor accessible. But, if you know where to look, you will see that there is a resurgence well underway that can be epitomised by an exciting new wave of Brazilian artists beginning to break through and gather momentum overseas. It's with thanks to **Sound and Colours**, a website devoted to promoting Latin American music and culture, that we can help shine a light on one particular collective, bursting with creativity and camaraderie.

'**Hidden Waters: Strange and Sublime Sounds of Rio de Janeiro**' is compiled by **Joe Osborne** (founder of specialist Brazilian music platform **Brazilian Wax**) and **Russ Slater** (editor at large of **Sounds and Colours**). Focusing solely on the '**Rio Scene**', rather than taking on the mammoth task of tackling Brazil as a whole, this collection presents 20-plus ground-breaking artists selected from Rio's resurgent music scene. By presenting a snapshot into the pulse of the city and the vibrant musicians that live in it, 'Hidden Waters' collates tracks from a wide spectrum of musical genres from the avant-garde edge to bossa nova, samba, Candomblé, lo-fi rock, jazz and funk.

'Hidden Waters' showcases musicians such as iconic Rio mainstays **Negro Leo & Ava Rocha**, Brazilian jazz upstart **Antônio Neves**, critically lauded Avant-pop trailblazer **Thiago Nassif**, breakthrough artists **Ana Frango Elétrico** and **Letrux**, lo-fi psych rocker **Lê Almeida**, plus the **Latin Grammy-winning Bala Desejo** who are set to explode onto the world stage.

The music featured on '**Hidden Waters**' is **unequivocally Brazilian**, swelling with samba, bossa nova, funk, and jazz. But it's within the album's blend; from sunny psychedelia to dusky synth-pop via experimental electronics, that marks the compilation as the sound of modern, multicultural Rio. Fans of Brazil's fertile 60s and 70s will spot the antecedents in **Tropicália**. Not only in the experimentation but also through the similar political context: back in the late 60s there was Brazil's military dictatorship, and up until the end of 2022 it was Bolsonaro's censorious premiership. Here are a group of musicians writing and reflecting on another colourful chapter within Brazil's musical history.

This comprehensive compilation comes with album artwork designed by Rio music's leading album artwork designer, **Caio Paiva**. It features essays by professor and music critic **Bernardo Oliveira** and music journalist **Leonardo Lichote**, plus extensive notes on each track by the artists themselves.

TRACK-LISTING:

1. Ana Frango Elétrico - Saudade / 2. Pedro Fonte - Clichê / 3. Bala Desejo - Lua Comanche / 4. Ava Rocha - Boca do Céu / 5. Exército de Bebês - Avós da Experiência / 6. Thiago Nassif - Soar Estranho (feat. Arto Lindsay, Vinicius Cantuária & Gabriela Riley) / 7. Negro Leo - Mulato / 8. Mari Romano - Amélie / 9. ROSABEGE - SIGO NUM SITE / MÁRMORE / 10. Dora Morelenbaum - Vento de Beirada / 11. Cadu Tenório & Juçara Marçal - Candombe - La Cacundê Iauê / 12. Jonas Sa - Gigolô / 13 Troá - Bandeide / 14. Marcelo Callado - Simbora (feat. Silvia Machete) / 15. Ovo Ou Bicho - Moços / 16. Lê Almeida - Apreço Antigo / 17. Vovô Bebê - Briga de Família (feat. Ana Frango) / 18. Joana Queiroz - Dois Litorais / 19. Raquel Dimantas - Flecha Azul / 20. Antônio Neves & Thiaguinho Silva - Das Neves / 21. Letrux - Dorme Com Essa / 22. Os Ritmistas - Sambolero

VARIOUS ARTISTS

HIDDEN WATERS: STRANGE AND SUBLIME SOUNDS OF RIO DE JANEIRO



- Featuring ground-breaking artists from Rio's resurgent music scene, intent on bringing an avant-garde edge to bossa nova, samba, jazz and funk.

- Double Vinyl LP.

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