



MRBLP/CD147 Gaby Hernandez – Spirit Reflection

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Tracklist:

1. Messy Love
2. Baobab Tree
3. I Will Keep You
4. Spirit Reflection
5. Entranced
6. Super Nova Lovers
7. Stay A While
8. Lo Mas Dulce
9. Into Oya!
10. Windwaves

Listen: <https://soundcloud.com/mrbongo/sets/gaby-herandez-spirit-reflection/s-r71Ej>

'*Spirit Reflection*' is the third album LP from Los Angeles singer-songwriter **Gaby Hernandez**. Blissful layers of instrumentation, electronics, vocal harmonies and folkloric percussion intertwine with west coast feel to create a unique, beautiful and multi-layered album.

The album features a stellar line-up of LA talent; jazz star **Kamasi Washington**, **Stuart Howard** (AKA **Lapalux**), Kelis and Gaslamp killer collaborator **Dexter Story**, plus **Ninja Tune**, **Plug Research** and **Soul Jazz** artist **Carlos Niño**, **Miguel Atwood-Ferguson** and **Gabriel Reyes-Whittaker** all accompany Gaby, with stunning results.

Even before *Spirit Reflection* had been finished, the demo mixes caught the ear and gained support from **Gilles Peterson**, **Lefto**, **Toshio Matsuura (U.F.O.)** and **J-Rocc (Beat Junkies)**.

Born, raised and based in Los Angeles and of **Chilean** descent, Gaby Hernandez has been writing and recording since 2001. She was a founding member of the 'creative music ensemble' **Build An Ark** alongside others including **Carlos Niño**, **Dexter Story** and **Dwight Trible**.



Gaby was the only vocalist on **Teebs'** debut **Brainfeeder** release *Ardour*. She made major contributions to **AmmonContact's** **Ninja Tune** releases *New Birth* and *With Voices*, plus **The Life Force Trio's** **Plug Research** album *Living Room*. She was also the vocalist on **Dimlite's** *Outernational Duet* - released as part of his highly acclaimed **Sonar Kollektiv** longplayer *This Is Embracing*.

Hernandez was invited by **Mia Doi Todd** to sing on the **Jonathan Wilson** produced song *Canto de Iemanja*, which was included on Todd's **City Zen** record *Cosmic Ocean Ship* and the **Red Hot + Rio 2** compilation, which also featured **Beck, Seu Jorge, Aloe Blacc, David Byrne** and **Madlib**.

Among her main musical comrades is the prolific multi-instrumentalist, composer and producer **Dexter Story**, for whom Hernandez sang on the track *Water Bearer* from his LP *Seasons*, on *Kindred Spirits*.

David and Graham from Mr Bongo met Gaby and Carlos Nino at the end of their hugely successful Arthur Verocai album launch and rare record sale at the RAPPKATS venue in LA. "Gaby and Carlos passed us a copy of 'Spirit Reflection'. and we put it on the deck. It immediately grabbed us and we couldn't stop listening to it. When we got back to the UK we got in contact straight away and signed the album. We're very proud to be releasing it"... "...this is a future classic, an 'album' in the truest sense of the word. Brilliant." says Graham.

- "The music itself envelopes its listener in a warmth reminiscent of decades past, presenting both a nostalgic soulful sound and a sensual experience" **Culture Collide**
- "A romantic summer cocktail that should be imbibed half-nude on a beach or while scattering rose petals on a bed. The songs flow between seductive, relaxing and spiritually nurturing, with earthy rhythms and warm production that make the listener feel comforted" **Buzz Bands LA**
- "Jaw-droppingly tasty" **LA Weekly**
