

RAVITA JAZZ RELEASES ORIANA

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Artist: Ravita Jazz
Title: Oriana
Label: Ravita Music

Writing in the liner notes, jazz journalist and author Bill Milkowski says: "Together with his like-minded colleagues, bassist-composer-bandleader Ravita takes listeners on a kinetic, contemplative and ultimately expansive ride on *Oriana*." Ten tracks feature originals by Ravita and other band members with creative takes on "Black Coffee" and "Caravan."

Ravita's first album as sole leader, *Oriana*, follows his highly praised 2021 album *Jagged Spaces*. George Harris of *Jazz Weekly* lauded the "impressive sounds" of the earlier recording featuring an almost identical band. *The JW Vibe's* Jonathan Widran called them "a stellar group." Ravita Jazz features pianist Greg Small, drummer Nucleo Vega, saxophonist Benny Russell, vibe/conga player Mark Leppo and vocalist Deirdre Jennings.

Acoustic/electric bassist Phil Ravita is one of the Mid-Atlantic's busiest players. Having worked with such jazz greats as Jimmy Heath, Bobby Shew, Claudio Roditi and Ruby Glover, he also appears in numerous classical engagements. He holds a master's degree in jazz performance from University of Maryland, Collège Park (2011) and earned a doctorate in music education from Boston University in 2020. Ravita uses Aguilar Bass Amplifiers and REMIC Microphones.



TRACKS

1. Sepia 5:16
- * 2. Black Coffee 5:29
3. Boo's Blues 3:34
- * 4. December 2021 4:15
- * 5. Caravan 3:57
- * 6. Peace and Love 5:51
7. Sisters 7:36
8. Stormshine 6:01
9. City Lights 4:34
10. Heaven 4:23

*SUGGESTED RADIO TRACKS

FEATURED ARTISTS

- Mark Leppo, vibraphone & congas
Phil Ravita, upright & electric bass
Benny Russell, tenor & soprano sax
Greg Small, piano
Nucleo Vega, drums
Deirdre Jennings, vocals & arrangements

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