

MY 90s SUMMER

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NEW ALBUM BY YUVAL AMIHAI

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# ABOUT THE ALBUM

In **"My 90s Summer"**, Yuval Amihai embarks on an exciting musical journey, full of sounds from his native country of Israel, through Paris, France, all the way to the world's most vibrant jazz scene in New York City - while demonstrating great mastery in his craft as a jazz artist.

This is Amihai's fourth album as a leader, his second collaboration with the internationally renowned Spanish jazz label **Fresh Sound Records**, and his US debut release. It encloses 8 original compositions written by Amihai over a period spanning over two decades and three continents, but never recorded or released until now.

Amihai's band features some of today's most prominent active jazz musicians in New York, featuring Grammy-nominated pianist **David Kikoski**, bassist **Eric Wheeler**, and drummer **Jeremy Dutton**. They are joined by a guest wind section featuring **Itai Kriss** (flute), **Julieta Eugenio** (saxophone), and **Wayne Tucker** (trumpet).

The music in this album reflects the diversity of cultures, places, sounds, and people that Yuval Amihai had encountered along the way in his unique and fascinating musical journey. A journey that began in a small town in southern Israel's Negev Desert, in a 90s Summer.

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"Yuval's guitar playing is extremely melodic... And he is also a great composer"

- David Kikoski



# ABOUT THE MUSICIANS



## **YUVAL AMIHAI** **GUITAR, COMPOSITIONS**

Yuval Amihai is an Israeli born, New York City based jazz guitarist, composer, and educator. Yuval moved from Israel to Paris, France at the age of 24 and rapidly became a leading voice in the French jazz scene; he won several prestigious awards, including 1st Prize in the Jazz A Saint Germain competition, the Grand Prize of La Defense National Jazz Competition, as well as the Best Composer Award. Amihai released three critically acclaimed records as a leader and toured internationally. His work was praised by critics and he was called "A master of melody" (FIP), "virtuoso guitar player" (La Dépêche du Midi), "A rare delicacy" (Paris Capitale), "A gem" (Jazz News Magazine), "an excellent Jazz musician" (Haaretz), and "he makes his guitar sing" (Les Dernières Nouvelles du Jazz).

In 2018 he moved to New York City and began performing in many of the city's jazz clubs and venues, working with some of the scene's finest musicians including David Kikoski, Peter Bernstein, Eric Wheeler, Jeremy Dutton, Rick Rosato, Jonathan Barber, Anwar Marshall, Daniel Dor, Curtis Nowosad, Benny Benack III, Neal Caine, Jared Gold, Jason Brown, Endea Owens, Charles Goold and Kush Abadey.



## DAVID KIKOSKI

### KEYBOARDS



David Kikoski is a world-class jazz pianist, who has been "among the brightest lights on New York City's jazz scene for more than two decades" (All About Jazz). He received a Grammy Award nomination for the album "Birds of a Feather" as a member of Roy Haynes' all-star group including Dave Holland, Roy Hargrove and Kenny Garrett. He is also a long-time member of the seven times Grammy nominated Mingus Big Band, which also won the 2011 Grammy Award for Best Large Jazz Ensemble. He played on over 100 records, toured internationally, recorded and worked with a prestigious cast of jazz luminaries such as John Scofield, Jeff "Tain" Watts, Christian McBride, Roy Haynes, Randy and Michael Brecker, Joe Henderson, Ron Carter, Al Foster, John Patitucci, Bob Berg, Ravi

Coltrane, Chris Potter, Dave Holland, Mike Stern, Chick Corea, Bill Stewart, Tom Harrell, Kurt Rosenwinkel, Marcus Miller, Pat Martino, Jack Dejohnette, Seamus Blake, and many others. Kikoski started working with Amihai's band in 2019.

## ERIC WHEELER

### BASS



Eric Wheeler is a jazz bassist acclaimed for "chasing dazzling melodies far up the fingerboard" (CapitalBop) and solos that "combine walking bass with a muscular swagger" (Washington Post). Wheeler toured the world and performed with many notable jazz artists including Benny Golson, Curtis Fuller, Stephon Harris, Tim Warfield, Delfeayo Marsalis, Russell Malone, Pharaoh Sanders, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Terrell Stafford, Cyrus Chestnut, Kenny Garrett, Tia Fuller, and Theo Crocker.

## JEREMY DUTTON

### DRUMS



Jeremy Dutton is a drummer and composer from Houston Texas based in New York City. Most known for his collaborations with James Francies Kinetic, Joel Ross Good Vibes, and the Vijay Iyer Sextet, Dutton is an exciting and dynamic presence on the bandstand.

He has performed with Gerald Clayton, Vijay Iyer, Taylor Eigsti, Camila Meza, Jacky Terrasson, Joel Ross, Mike Moreno, Kandace Springs, Charles Altura, James Francies, Benito Gonzalez, Keyon Harold, Maria Grand, Matt Stevens, Andre Hayward, Philip Dizack, Matt Penman, Stefon Harris, Bobby Watson, Alan Hampton, Dayna Stephens, and many many more.

## GUEST WIND SECTION



**ITAI  
KRIS**  
flute



**WAYNE  
TUCKER**  
trumpet



**JULIETA  
EUGENIO**  
saxophone

## PAST RELEASES

Yuval Amihai's three previous releases were acclaimed by critics in many media outlets in France, Israel and the US. Here are some of the things they said about his work:

**"LYRICAL AND TIMELESS"**

- NEW YORK CITY JAZZ RECORD

**"A MASTER OF MELODY"**

- FIP RADIO FRANCE

**"AMIHAI'S PLAYING IS EXTREMELY  
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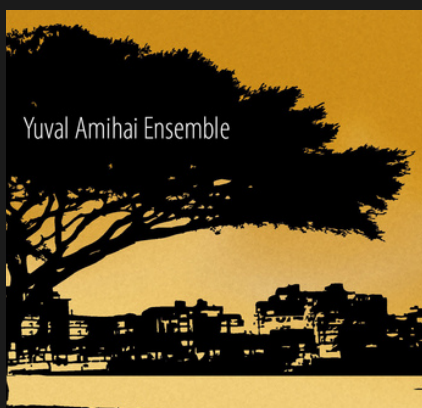
- JAZZ NEWS

**"EXTRAORDINARY CLARITY"**

HAARETZ

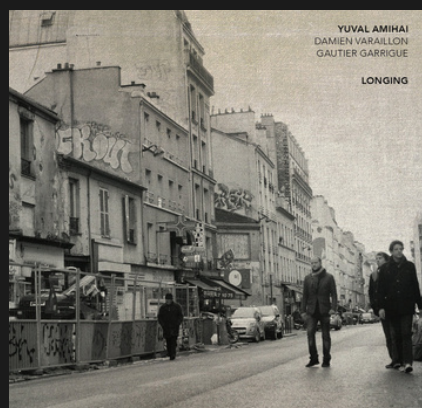
**"INNOVATIVE ORCHESTRATIONS"**

- JAZZ MAGAZINE



**YUVAL AMIHAI  
ENSEMBLE**

2012



**LONGING**

2015



**I AIN'T GOT NOTHIN'  
BUT THE BLUES**

2018





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