

Kalle Kalima (Guitarist, Composer)

Kalle Kalima (b. 1973 in Helsinki, Finland) has worked with trumpeters Tomasz Stanko and Leo Wadada Smith, sax players Juhani Aaltonen, Anthony Braxton, bass players Sirone, Teppo Hauta-Aho and Greg Cohen, guitarist Marc Ducret, composer Simon Stockhausen, pianist Jason Moran, drummers Jim Black and Tony Allen and singer Linda Sharrock. He has also played with Jimi Tenor, Finnish underground pop star and Jazzanova. Kalima has composed music for NDR Big Band, Umo Big Band and Jousia Ensemble.

2002-2013 have been busy years for Kalima, touring mostly in Europe but also in Africa, Asia and Americas. He is regularly performing with his trio Klima Kalima with Oliver Steidle, drums (Der Rote Bereich) and Oliver Potratz on bass. The band released their 1st album "Helsinki on my mind" in 2004 by ZYX Music. The album "Chasing Yellow" came out in 2007 and the new album "Finn Noir" came out in January 2013 at Enja records. The Band won "Neuer Deutscher Jazzpreis" in 2008. The band Johnny La Marama (with Chris Dahlgren, bs, USA and Eric Schaefer, drs) is an exciting mix of rock and groove influences and free improvising. The band calls their music "Avant-Garage Jazz". Kalima is also leading K-18, a Finnish group with quarter-tone accordion. Kalima's first solo album "Iris in Trance" came out 2009 at La Lune Records. Here he plays guitar through electronics into 5 amps surrounding the audience. The new group "Kuu" with Christian Lillinger, Jelena Kuljic and Frank Möbus will release their first Cd in 2014.

"Kalima is a virtuoso who can do anything from single lines to electronically altered hyper slide guitar..." (Thomas Wörtche, Jazzpodium 4/03)

"A record that documents Kalle Kalima's flexibility, ability and amazing maturity both as a guitarist and as a band-leader" (Jazzdimensions.de 2001, Carina Prange about "Hippycone").

"...with his guitars Kalle Kalima proves to be a far reaching story-telling talent" (Jazzpodium Nr. 2 02/01, Frithsjoef Strauß)

"Presenting a combination of reckless abandon and structural thinking, Kalle Kalima (b. 1973) is one of the most fascinating Finnish musicians at the moment. ...the guitarist has managed to formulate a unique sound both as a musician and as a tunesmith. Currently residing in Berlin, Kalima plants the roots of his music deeply in the Nordic landscapes and the hectic urban life of the German capital." (Helsinki happens 01/01, Petri Silas, Finland.)

Selected Discography

Nuijamiehet . (2000) Fiasko Records FRCD-2.

Momentum Impakto. "Haw Haw" (2000) Jazz4ever LC 065

Kalima Trio with Marc Ducret. "Hippycone" (2000) Silence-0004

Johnny La Marama (2003) Meta Records

Soi: "Pehmeä" (2003) Texicalli Records

Kalle Kalima (2004) "Klima Kalima Helsinki on my mind" Zyx Music

Johnny La Marama (2006) "...Fire" Traumton

Soi: "Koiperhonen" (2006) Texicalli

Klima Kalima: "Chasing Yellow" (2007) Enja

Jazz Paracites: "Very Early" (2008) Jazzwerkstatt

Kalle Kalima Pentasonic: "Iris in Trance" (2009) La Lune

Johnny La Marama: "Bicycle Revolution" (2009) Traumton

Kalle Kalima with K-18: "Some Kubricks of Blood" (2009) TUM

Klima Kalima: "Loru" (2010) Enja

Kalle Kalima with K-18: "Out to Lynch" (2012) Tum

Klima Kalima : "Finn Noir" (2013) Enja

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