

***THE ARCH* – where music meets the world**

****** NEW ALBUM on ELEN MUSIC ******

EVA QUARTET & HECTOR ZAZOU "THE ARCH"

*** produced by Dimiter Panev and Hector Zazou ***

The Arch is one of the most outstanding recordings and biggest projects in the history of World Music, featuring more than **50 musicians from 14 different countries**.

The Swan song of the French musical magician **Hector Zazou** is a project together with the exceptional Bulgarian voices of '**Eva Quartet**' (part of the world famous choir '**Le Mystere Des Voix Bulgares**') with the special participation of musicians from different genres and fields of music.

One producer of ***The Arch*** is **Dimiter Panev** – founder and director of the Bulgarian-German label and booking agency **Elen Music** – a 15-year-old company working with musicians from Bulgaria as well as other different countries. **Dimiter Panev** is also known as the producer of the CD '**Ivo Papasov**', which got the 2005 BBC Music Award.

For three years **Hector Zazou** and **Dimiter Panev** travelled together a lot, communicated with musicians from all over the world, exchanged opinions, ideas, thoughts. It was a very long, yet creative way - ***The Arch***. They went through the sophisticated and long process of creating this unique project - all the guest musicians were recorded in several studio sessions and many more improvised recordings on three continents.

The list of guests is quite long, featuring musicians from jazz, folk, world music, fusion, electronic and avant-garde etc. Among the outstanding musicians there are the 'queen' of experimental music **Laurie Anderson** (USA), **Ryuichi Sakamoto** (Japan), one of the most interesting piano players and composers of our time, the avantgarde rock guitar player **Robert Fripp** (UK), founder of the cult rock band **King Crimson**, the **R.E.M.** ex-drummer **Bill Rieflin** (USA). Moreover, several creative jazz musicians like **Bill Frisell** (USA), **Nils Petter Molvær** (Norway) and **Zoltan Lantos** (Hungary) took part in ***The Arch***. Some of the biggest folk and world music musicians – **Djivan Gasparian** (Armenia), **Carlos Nunez** (Spain) and **Bollywood String Orchestra** (India), Indian singer **Kaushiki Charkaborty** and the masterly Algerian oud player **Mehdi Haddab** (**The Speed Caravan**) are part of this incredible project.

Of course, there are also many guests from Bulgaria – the contemporary composer and brilliant pianist **Antoni Donchev**, the male voices of **Dvuglas** – **Milen Ivanov** and **Daniel Spasov**, **Sofia String Quartet**, the creative project **Diva Reka** featuring the masterly kaval player **Kostadin Genchev** and tambura player **Dimiter Hristov** and many more.

The Arch is mixed and mastered by **Peter Walsh** – a sound engineer who has worked together with many musicians – from the Spandau Ballet and Stevie Wonder to Peter Gabriel and Pulp.

The Arch is the metaphorical place where ancient traditions and magical voices meet contemporary feelings, amazing talent, masterly techniques, fame and pure creative spirit in order to create music that connects the best of music. **Hector Zazou's** spirit has come alive again.