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Japanese songwriter and producer Sienná is a recording artist who is undaunted by the artistic not-known as she has boldly pushed the envelope creatively to unimaginable heights throughout the course of her career and body of work which comprises her voluminous catalog of music.

The Oslo, Norway based creative is the purveyor of a visionary sound and style of music which masterfully blends the core components of electronic music and the experimental space while also incorporating elements of classical and traditional Japanese music in some of her creations.

Sienná's discography has a significant number of singles as well as six full-length albums to date. Today, we're spotlighting her recent project, an album born out of an artistic vision inspired by the "Wabi-sabi aesthetic from culture in Kyoto (Japan), and the landscapes around Tenkawa shrine in Nara (Japan), a meditative mind during the recent times".



Sienná has named this new album, "Wa-Kei-Sei-Jyaku 和敬清寂", a 9-track voyage released May 16 via Anéis Records. The new album contains an incredible assortment of other worldly soundscapes, concepts and an endless deluge of eccentric sonics; accentuated by filmy tones and a secret aura. The songs and compositions on this album will surely capture the attention of your listening senses once you immerse yourself in the project.

What's the Appeal of "Wa-Kei-Sei-Jyaku 和敬清寂"?

As I referenced above, "Wa-Kei-Sei-Jyaku 和敬清寂" possesses a wealth of sound that spans the gamut of the sound spectrum. The structure of the album's nine tracks are split into six instrumental pieces and three songs with lyrical and vocal content.

Personally, my music tastes are extremely eclectic so the variety of styles that Sienná presents throughout the album really appealed to me and is an ultimate display of her forward-thinking approach to music and enlightened artistic expression.

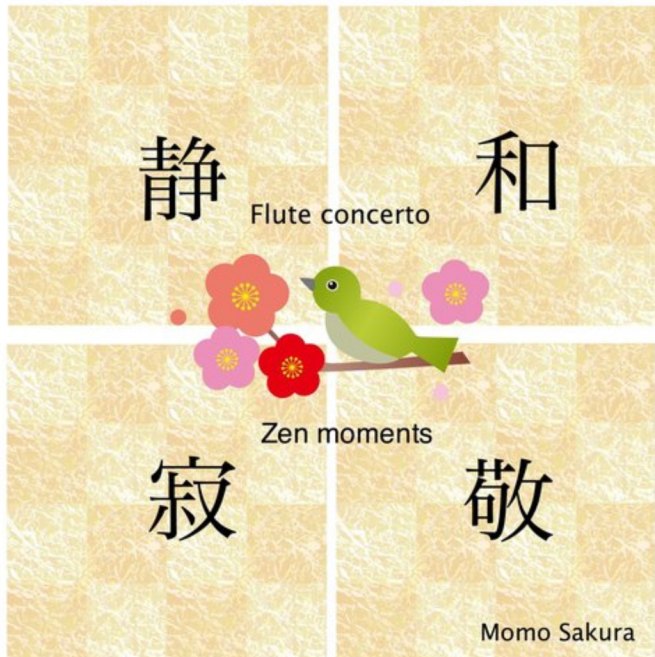
For example, the album's intro track "So May It Be" is an indication right away of how diverse the nature of this project is. It is literally a fusion of all of Sienná's signature styles packed into a 2-minute timeframe...a classical-type grand piano and Japanese shamisen create the base of this composition while surrounded by a bev of abstract sounds and ethereal harmonics. It's haunting in one aspect, yet serene as you drift into the song.



Another album standout, "Ajikan Meditation 阿字観" is an entrancing track driven by a traditional Japanese music soundscape combined with an orchestral backdrop and off the overcame path sounds. The overall tone is dreamy, melancholic while a soothing vocal section is incorporated toward the latter stages of the song.

"Encircle Me" is a perfect illustration of Sienná's ability to create an all-encompassing sound as it shifts gears from the two preceding tracks. The instrumental piece has a danceability to it as it possesses a pulsating bass line that grooves along with a crisp guitar riff providing the main melody of the song. The track also stands out as it contains a variety of mood shifts and drama building sections...essentially it's similar to several mini-songs into one.

I interpret the track "Pay It Forward" as a directive and/or social commentary, or it can even be regarded as a motivational song with it's collection of short imperative statements, many of which can result in personal and professional happiness if done consistently. The soundscape is atmospheric and contains a mixture of vocal interpolations and samples that are intriguing while the song's arrangement takes you through a variety of dramatic tempo changes.



"Red Bird Arises, Dragon Awakes" further ups the ante on Sienná's musical dynamism as it is driven by a funky R&B infused bass line and a wondrous symphonic melody primarily composed of strings and violins. It exudes an aura of something you might hear in a crime or action thriller film.

Check Out "Wa-Kei-Sei-Jyaku 和敬清寂"

"Wa-Kei-Sei-Jyaku 和敬清寂" is a project and is available on all streaming platforms and you can indulge in the inventive tracks of this 9-song project via the Spotify link below. Stream the tracks and save to your Favorites Library for quick access and make sure to follow the Sienná Spotify profile you can be in the loop on any future releases. You can also take in the music video to the "Pay It Forward" song of the album via the YouTube embed posted below. Hit the thumbs up button and "Share It Forward" on your social media.

Scroll below to connect with and/or follow Sienná on her social media platforms and streaming music profiles. You can also learn more about her music journey in the Bio section. We have also enclosed lyrics below to two tracks on the album, "Pay It Forward" and "Ajikan Meditation 阿字観" so you can read along as you listen to the tracks. Enjoy!

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