

PRESS RELEASE

AF ANTOINE FAFARD SOLUS OPERANDI

Solus Operandi is the first solo album release by Antoine Fafard. The record features 17 new tracks totalling 75 minutes of original instrumental music featuring Fafard on fretless bass and classical guitar as well as many guest musicians.

Antoine Fafard is a Canadian composer and performer based in London, UK. Since the late 1990s, Antoine's music has been expressed through the band Spaced Out with whom he acts as composer/arranger and performer on the electric bass. The band has released five studio albums and has performed in international festivals such as Nearfest in 2002 (USA), Crescendo Festival in 2006 (France) and at FMPM in 2008 (Canada).

In 2010, Antoine rediscovered the classical guitar, an instrument he played for a few years as a young musician before switching to the bass guitar. Also in 2010, he acquired a new bespoke instrument: a 6-string fretless bass made by Martin Petersen, a London-based luthier. Inspired by those two instruments, Antoine composed a series of pieces of music which now make up the audio collective which is Solus Operandi.

While recording this new music, Antoine took the opportunity to ask some of his long-time musician friends and new collaborators to contribute to the album. Notably, the album features performances from guitarist Jerry De Villiers Jr and drummer Magella Cormier, known for their work with Canadian jazz musician Alain Caron. Solus Operandi also includes the collaboration of drum legend Dave Weckl (Chick Corea, Mike Stern) on three tracks. Guitarist Tom Quayle, a British jazz-fusion virtuoso, is also featured on the album.



Solus Operandi takes you into a deep, fresh and sometimes intense musical journey. The musical styles on the album are varied and include African rhythms, flamenco, funk, fusion, jazz, and latin amongst others. Exciting improvisation and performances are present throughout... they are there to be discovered!

Solus Operandi is an independent release by an independent artist.

RELEASE DATES

Digital download:	01 August 2011
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