

Purple Nirvana by Ancient Future

Ancient-Future.Com Records AF-20310. UPC: 825336203105. Sales Date: April 4, 2025. Preorder Date: Friday, February 14, 2025. Spirit of Nirvana (Streaming Edit) Instant Grats Date: Thursday, February 20, 2025, celebrating Kurt Cobain's birthday, February 20, 1967. Preorder Date: Friday, February 14, 2025. Formats: EP, Audio Download with Digital Liner Notes, Streaming.

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Track List



1. *Spirit of Nirvana (Extended Intro) by Ancient Future (Cobain, Grohl, and Novoselic. 5:55).*
Genres: World Music, Rock. ISRC: US-NgP-25-20305.
2. *East of the Sun (Trio) by Ancient Future (Montfort. 4:28).*
Genres: World Music. ISRC: US-NgP-24-20301
3. *Purple Nam (Glissentar & Đàn Bầu Duet) by Ancient Future (Montfort. 1:18).*
Genres: World Music, Asia. ISRC: US-NgP-24-20307.
4. *Purple Haze (Vietnamese Đàn Bầu Style) by Ancient Future (Hendrix. 3:25).*
Genres: World Music, Rock. ISRC: US-NgP-24-20308.
5. *Spirit of Nirvana (Streaming Edit) by Ancient Future (Cobain, Grohl, and Novoselic. 5:42).*
Genres: World Music, Rock. ISRC: US-NgP-24-20306.
6. *Spirit of Nirvana (Radio Edit) by Ancient Future (Cobain, Grohl, and Novoselic. 5:32).*
Genres: World Music, Rock. ISRC: US-NgP-25-20306

Radio Add Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025, on the CMJ New World, Earshot International, ZMR, and WMCE charts. To sign up to receive digital files, send the music librarian contact info to info@ancient-future.com. Put "Digital Promo Request" in the subject.

Purple Nirvana is an EP including Ancient Future's first ever popular cover songs: "Purple Haze" by Jimi Hendrix and "Smells Like Teen Spirit" by Nirvana. The later was rediscovered in December of 2023 when Matthew Montfort was preparing his piece "East of the Sun" from the Archive of Future Ancient Recordings for public release. During the recording session for "East of the Sun" on April 1, 2011, the inspiration came to record the cover that became "Spirit of Nirvana." In honor of that, the EP includes the trio version of "East of the Sun" recorded that same day along with streaming and radio edits of "Spirit of Nirvana."

East of the Sun (Studio Version) by Ancient Future

Ancient-Future.Com Records AF-20301. UPC: 825336203013. Sales Date: Friday, April 25, 2025. Preorder Date: March 23, 2025. Radio Add Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 (Earthday).

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Track List

1. *East of the Sun (Studio Version with Paul McCandless, Oboe) by Ancient Future (Montfort. 5:10).*
Genres: World Music. ISRC: US-NgP-25-20301.



This full studio version features Paul McCandless (oboe), an important early musical influence on the founders of Ancient Future. He joins Matthew Montfort (scalloped fretboard guitars, fretless bass), Benjy Wertheimer (tabla), and Mariah Parker (santur). The basic tracks were recorded live as a trio with the intention to release a full ensemble version, and on January 16, 2013, Paul McCandless added his oboe overdub. Matthew Montfort added guitar overdubs on April 25, 2013, and completed the piece with a fretless bass overdub on July 3, 2013. The final mix for public release was finished on February 25, 2025. Sadly, in 2017 Paul McCandless was diagnosed with a health condition that led him to retire from performing on oboe, but he continues to perform on his other wind instruments.



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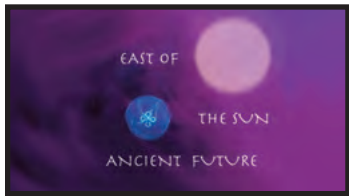


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Purple Nirvana by Ancient Future (AF 20310)

Videos



East of the Sun (Trio) Live in Studio Video by Ancient Future

UPC: 825336903012. ISRC: US-N9P-25-90301

This one camera video from the recording session features live basic tracks by Matthew Montfort (scalloped fretboard guitar), Mariah Parker (santur), and Benjy Wertheimer (tabla).

YouTube Video Premiere, April 1, 2025: <https://youtu.be/nfd1RYZCxLw>

Purple Nam (Glissentar & Đàn Bầu Duet) Official Music Video by Ancient Future

UPC: 825336903074. ISRC: US-N9P-24-90307.

This video shows the recording of a live duet between Matthew Montfort (Godin glissentar) and Bui Huu Nhut (đàn bầu) accompanied by Abbos Kosimov (Uzbek percussion) and Mariah Parker (keys).

YouTube Video Premiere, March 13, 2025: <https://youtu.be/glynblgzv8>



Biographies



Matthew Montfort (scalloped fretboard guitar, Glissentar, fretless bass)

The December 2009 Les Paul issue of Guitar Player Magazine includes a feature on Ancient Future leader Matthew Montfort with links to a GuitarPlayer.Com video of Montfort performing on Glissentar, an 11 string fretless guitar. He is on the DigitalDreamDoor.com 100 Greatest Acoustic Guitarists list for his innovative work on the scalloped fretboard guitar. He has performed worldwide, from the Spain's Festival Internacional de la Guitarra to India's Mumbai Festival.



Bui Huu Nhut (đàn bầu)

A native of Saigon, Bui Huu Nhut (pronounced "buoy who newt") is a leading performer on the Vietnamese đàn bầu. Its single string is stretched over a long box, attached to a tuning peg at one end and a flexible rod at the other. Ancient Future's *Asian Fusion* release features Nhut on "Ja Nam," Montfort's reggae version of a Vietnamese folk song. Putumayo included the track on their *Asian Lounge* sampler, and employed Ancient Future for the album release party.



Abbos Kosimov (Uzbek percussion)

Uzbek percussion phenomenon Abbos Kosimov is a master of the *doyra* (frame drum with metal rings). On "Purple Haze," Abbos also plays *tar* (frame drum), *cajón* (beatbox), and shakers. Born in Uzbekistan to a musical family, Abbos began playing doyra at age ten. He was given the title of Honored Artists of Uzbekistan by the president of Uzbekistan in 2001. His 2005 move to the U.S. led to his work with Kronos Quartet, Omar Sosa, Stevie Wonder, and Zakir Hussain.



Mariah Parker (keyboard, santur)

Mariah Parker has been playing music from the time she could reach the keys on the piano in her family home. She is also known for her work on santur. While at UC Santa Cruz, she worked with ethnomusicologist Fred Lieberman and drummer Mickey Hart on his Planet Drum project. She has toured with Ancient Future in the US and Spain. She has released three albums of her compositions: *Sangria*, *Indo Latin Jazz Live in Concert*, and *Windows Though Time*.



Benjy Wertheimer (tabla)

A founding member of Ancient Future, Benjy Wertheimer has worked with such artists as Krishna Das, Jai Uttal, Walter Becker of Steely Dan, Zakir Hussain, and bamboo flute master G. S. Sachdev. Benjy has been a student of Indian classical music for over four decades, sitting with some of the greatest masters including Alla Rakha, Zakir Hussain, Ali Akbar Khan and Z. M. Dagar. Along with Mickey Hart, he was a member of the Zakir Hussain Rhythm Experience.



Paul McCandless (Oboe)

Grammy Award winning woodwind virtuoso Paul McCandless has brought a soaring lyricism to his playing and composing that has been integral to the ensemble sound of two seminal world music bands, the original Paul Winter Consort and the relentlessly innovative quartet, Oregon. A gifted multi-instrumentalist and composer, McCandless has specialized in a broad palette of reed instruments that reflect his grounding in classical and jazz disciplines.

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