



Muallem, Yinon
Aegina's Secret

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The idea for *Aegina's Secret* was born after a visit to the island of Aegina, one of the Saronic Islands near Athens. The encounters I had there, the diverse people I met, and the unique atmosphere of the island inspired me to begin composing and recording. At that time, I already had a few demos, and the experience motivated me to complete the rest of the album.

The album consists mainly of my original compositions, alongside a few covers that mark important stages of my artistic journey and influences:

Misirlou – A melody known worldwide through Quentin Tarantino's *Pulp Fiction*, but originally an anonymous tune from the Ottoman era, later embraced by the Greek Rembetiko tradition.

Lo Eda (I Wouldn't Know) – A Hebrew song I wrote and composed. The lyrics are deeply personal, born out of pain, reflecting my emotions since the events of October 7th and their aftermath — carrying grief, despair, and the weight of the situation.

Feel It – My tribute to the great Kate Bush, a personal interpretation of a song from her debut album *The Kick Inside*.

Aegina's Secret – The title track, directly inspired by my experiences and impressions of Aegina. This project also represents my ongoing wish to build bridges between cultures and voices. For this album, I invited musicians from different countries where I have lived, creating a dialogue of sounds and traditions:

From Sweden: clarinetist Saman Alias and guitarist Clas Olofsson

From Turkey: trombonist Burak Dursun

From Israel: Tal Avraham (trumpet), Dror Teboul (double bass), Yankale Segal (electric bass), and Tzahi Ventura (ney)

As with my previous releases, *Norwegian Oud* and *Back Home* — both of which received very positive reviews — I continue to explore the fusion of my Mediterranean roots, expressed through the traditional Maqam scales, with Western traditions such as jazz.

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Oud, Cumbus, Fretless Guitar

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Tracklist

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|----|---|-------|
| 1. | Misirlou
M: Traditional/Yinon Muallem | 04:50 |
| 2. | Feel It
M: Kate Bush | 04:22 |
| 3. | Lo Eda/I wouldn't know
M: YINON MUALLEM | 03:53 |
| 4. | Jump/Rest
M: YINON MUALLEM | 03:32 |
| 5. | Aegina's Secret (The Game)
M: YINON MUALLEM/Dani Muallem/Sima Levy | 04:42 |
| 6. | When There's Nothing To Do
M: YINON MUALLEM | 03:54 |
| 7. | Take a risk
M: YINON MUALLEM | 04:01 |
| 8. | Chords of Discontent
M: YINON MUALLEM | 03:52 |
| 9. | My Rast
M: YINON MUALLEM | 02:21 |