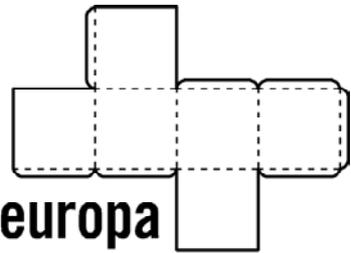


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Vataff Project

"Vataff Project" is a mix of a electronic music basis, electronic beat and traditional bulgarian instruments and visual performance. The project has its own and specific sound although it contains elements of psychedelic atmosphere, abstract lines, ambient. Musicians explore by combining the acoustic sound of bagpipe, kaval, percussion, vocals with analogue synthesis, their common soundings and impacts. The music of "Vataff" leads to profound feelings of ecstasy from heart and ritual which come from the ancient times, the present and the future. The permanent development and evolution of sound, the search for states going beyond the field of matrix forms and images are basic tendencies set in the project's idea. The project is open and changeable.

"Vataff Project" has been initiated by Victor Marinov during the fall of 2001. Victor builds the arrange and the electronic basis of the music. He works with several guest musicians in his studio. Shtoni Kokoudev /bagpipe, horn/, Panayot Angelov /percussion/, Veselin Mitev/ flute, voice/ Aura Raskon/flute/.

Last time Victor plays together with Veselin Mitev in live. Vataff Project has participated at events and festivals in Bulgaria, Slovenia, Germany, Holland, Portugal, Morocco

The name: "Vataff" is a word which has an analogue in the steppe languages and in the Near East languages /vatekh, fatakh/. It means "leader", "guide". In bulgarian folklore the leader of kalushars /rusaliys/ is also called "vataff". They are considered a folklore relict (remnant) of an ancient elite society of warriors, whose leaders probably were initiated in religious cult, and had the ability to heal /to "free"/ through special music, together with respective rituals.

Releases:

1.Vataff Project 2002 - p&c "Moving Sound System"

/ the release is supported by the French Cultural Institute, Sofia /

2.Reid 2004 - p&c "Moving Sound System"/

3.Ambient Planet 2004 –compilation, "Vagalume records",Brasil/

Future releases:

Natural Born Chillers vol.2 – compilation, Aleph Zero records, Israel

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