

## **The Gazette**

### **Besh o Drom**

#### **Can't Make Me!**

Take a bunch of Hungarians and get them to consolidate the grooves of Eastern Europe and you are bound to get a wild and woolly ride. Musical vernaculars from Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey, the Middle East and Gypsy culture all come together in a frantic, mind-bending stew played out on everything from derbuka, ney and guitar to trumpet, sax and clarinet. This vivacious, boisterous music is played incredibly fast and it's hard to imagine the musicians not sweating up a storm. While several of the selections on "Can't Make Me" feature vocals, the majority are swirling instrumentals that would take any Eastern European wedding by storm. Purists complain about Besh o Drom's modern treatments, but the rest of us should just grab this CD and play it loud.

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