

Sing Out!

Founded in 1999, the Hungarian Besh o droM packs deep folk music and wild jazz improvisation in a treasure trove of East European vernacular music that surely kicks the dance club scene into high gear. Along with Gypsy, Turkish and Mid East flavors, there's little doubt that jazz and rock 'n' roll have helped put these innovators at odds with folk purists - and oh what fun! Can't Make Me! (nekemtenemmutogatol!) is as far from a world music cliché as you're likely to hear. Hot picking, scorching brass, no-nonsense rhythmic exploration, some yelling and scat singing, bits of rap and scratch, will leave you wondering what American import music these guys grew up with. Produced in Berlin, Can't Make Me! is as short on liner notes as it is long on brilliant melodies morphed from Greece, Afghanistan, Bulgaria, Romania, Egypt and beyond. Besh o droM's twelve member band's electro-acoustic, urban wedding collective will drive its Balkan improvisational mayhem deep into your consciousness. The good news is that Can't Make Me! is distributed in the USA by Harmonia Mundi. Find it, buy it, play it loud. You're going to need your own copy of Can't Make Me! Believe me. You'll love it. Guaranteed.

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