

# VOLGA

***Volga is a unique project on Moscow music scene. It successfully combines experimental electronics, contemporary dance rhythms and the original Russian folklore.***

Pagan psychedelia and shamanism, authentic melodies and lyrics of ancient Russia (12th-19th centuries) mixed with urban aesthetics and contemporary videoart are the essential components of Volga performances.

The current Volga line-up is a professionally educated vocalist and a folklore vocal techniques investigator Anjela Manukjan (she also takes part in the projects of Richard Norvila and Spieses Of Fishes duo from Moscow), worldwide known electronic specialists and multi-instrumentalists Alexei Borisov (Notchnoi Prospekt, F.R.U.I.T.S., joint projects with KK Null (Japan), Jeffrey Surak (USA), Anton Nikkila (Finland), Sergei Letov (Russia)) and Roman Lebedev (Metal Corossion, Alien Pat Holman, Idioritmik), an artist and the inventor of the original self-made instruments, Grammy winner (artwork for Frank Zappa "Civilization III" album, 1996) Uri Balashov. Usually the performances of Volga have been decorated by special video projections, created in real-time by well known Moscow video-artist Roman Anikushin. Volga often tours in Russia and abroad, performing in clubs, concert halls and participating in different international music festivals such as "Burg Herzberg Open Air 2000" (Germany), SKIF-4 (St.Peterburg, Russia 2002), "Vital Water 2002" (Altai, Russia), International Folk Festival in Petrozavodsk 2003 (Karelia, Russia), HUH Festival in Tallinn (Estonia 2003), Festival of Russian Contemporary Art in Kiasma Museum in Helsinki (Finland 2004) etc.

The debut CD of Volga has been released in 1999 by Moscow based "Exotica records" and got very positive response not only from the specialists but also from the wide audience in Russia and Europe as well. The next CD "Bottoms up!", released at the beginning of 2003 by "Exotica records", is a fine collection of the most melodic and danceable songs of Volga. The third edition of Volga is a "Concert" CD, recorded live at "DOM" club in Moscow and released by "Sketis Music" in April 2003. The latest CD is "Three Fields" released by Volga in cooperation with "Sketis music" in 2004.

## **Discography:**

Volga (CD, Exotica records 1999)

Volga "Bottoms up!" (CD, Exotica records 2003)

Volga "Concert" (CD, Sketis music 2003)

Volga "Three Fields" (CD, Volga/Sketis music 2004)

## **Line up:**

Angela Manukjan vocals

Roman Lebedev electronics, guitar

Alexei Borisov electronics, guitar, back-vocal

Uri Balashov zvukosuk, tibetian cup

Roman Anikushin video

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