



Track Listing:

1. THE QUIET SURF
2. FRET FRENZY
3. HOTROD
4. BACKPORCH
5. THE SNAKE DANCE
6. SQUARE MOON
7. ROAD LIZARD
8. L'AVENUE
9. MACEDONIAN POLKA
10. EASTERN SURF
11. THE LOPER
12. BLACKBERRY BRAMBLES
13. MONTMARTRE



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Stephen Nikleva

'*Square Moon*', Vancouver guitarist **Stephen Nikleva's** debut album released through Northern Electric (NES 037), is an eclectic baker's dozen of original instrumentals recalling the 'exotica' albums of the late '50s. Guests include virtuoso Montreal musette accordionist *Steve Normandin*, while Tunisian native *Meriem Ben Amor* adds vocalizing to '*The Snake Dance*' and '*Eastern Surf*' and *Max Murphy*, former sax man with Five Alarm Funk adds some baritone growl to '*Hot Rod*'!

In LA his guitar playing with *Petunia & the Vipers* has gained him fans among such legends as *Exene Cervenka (X)*, and recent Grammy nominees *Phil & Dave Alvin (The Blasters)*, the latter who dubbed him 'The Intimidator' in reference to his guitar prowess. But really Stephen is a collaborator, an approach he has honed form many years accompanying, touring and producing singer songwriters and working in bands. It is a virtual list of top music to come out of Vancouver, or indeed Canada over the last 30 years- *Ferron, Mae Moore, Paul Hyde, Elizabeth Fischer (Animal Slaves, Dark Blue World), Sandy Scofield, Sarah McLachlan, Veda Hille, and Dan Mangan*. His association with the cities roots scene goes back to the legendary *Jimmy Roy's 5 Star Hillbillies* through *Ray Condo*, and currently with *Petunia & the Vipers*. After his sold out CD release at the historic tiki bar at The Waldorf Hotel Stephen flew off to Istanbul to tour with *Lache Cerceel & His Roma Swing Ensemble*, flying back in time to play a concert with *Petunia & the Vipers*!

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