

## Aisha Duo "Quiet Songs"

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Andrea Dulbecco - vibraphone

Luca Gusella - marimba (5 octaves)

Marco Decimo - cello

Glen Velez - frame drums

Bringing a wealth of musical affinities and reinforced by the desire to play contemporary music in between improvisation and composition, Italians Andrea Dulbecco and Luca Gusella form the eclectic Marimba and Vibraphone Aisha (meaning "life" in Arabic) Duo with a distinctive intimate sound. Their debut album *Quiet Songs* features a transcription of eight of the "Children's Songs" by Chick Corea, a selection of their own works, and other compositions. The project was recorded in a 17th century church in Italy and features frame drums-master Glen Velez. The music of Aisha Duo is inspired by a diverse array of artists including David Friedman, and the Gary Burton/Chick Corea duo.

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Andrea and Luca have found their own sound, especially with the addition of Marco Decimo's cello and Glen Velez's marvelous percussion playing. Check out "Blanca", "Prelude" and "Wind". These pieces have a quality all their own, exploring a compelling new textural environment. This is no copy of American jazz by European musicians. This is improvised chamber music with soul and intellect. What more could one ask for?

-David Friedman