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### Cédric Hanriot – Take Five Q&A

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Please can you tell us about your new album and UK album launch?

My new album “A Luminous World – Time is Color Vol.2” will be released on January 31 and I’m happy to share this new music with the world. It’s a very unique album –

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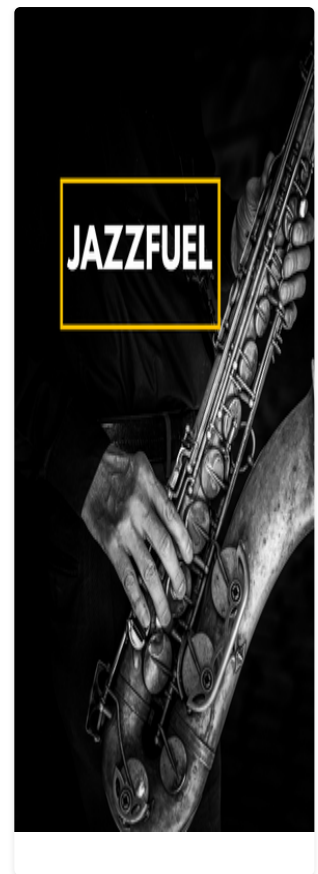
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something I have not done before in my career.

The main theme of the album is spirituality and quantum physics – 2 sides of the same coin. I wanted with this album to deliver some important messages like the universal connection between all of us, also the fact that a situation can be seen in many different ways etc.

Also, I wanted to make a record whose focus would be the voice: spoken words, rap and vocals melodies. As a pianist/instrumentalist I have made albums with other instrumentalists and with sometimes some vocals but the voice was never the focus of the music. I wanted to have different vocalists/rappers/poets/singers and also I wanted the songs to be shorts, more like pop song format. So I first wrote the music with those parameters in mind and then I gave the message I wanted to express for each tune to the vocalist so he/she could write something accordingly.



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Express for the UK album release concert on March 8 with Soweto Kinch as a guest (rap and saxophone). I have great memories of Pizza Express, especially the concert we gave with my band “City of Poets” co-led with US trumpeter Jason Palmer and including Donny McCaslin, Clarence Penn and Michael Janisch, almost a decade ago.

We will play the music of the new album with some new arrangements and I am looking forward to sharing it with the UK audience!

### **What other projects are you currently involved in?**

I have another project of my own on top of Time is Color – co-led with US singer Jimmie Herrod. We arranged Gabriel Fauré’s songs for the duo setting, and it’s so much fun to play with this fantastic singer!

I also launched a cycle of collaborations with French singers/rappers – and would like to release some singles this year or next year when the tunes are finished. As a sideman I’m part of Grammy Nominee singer Maria Mendes, whose new album will be recorded this year, and also pianist for different other projects in France.

### **What are you currently listening to and what was the last CD or**

## download you bought?

Chromakopia from Tyler the Creator

Été sans fin from Arma Jackson

Vingt regards sur l'enfant Jesus from Olivier Messiaen... amongst others.

## What is your all-time favourite album and why?

It all depends on my mood; I don't have ONE all-time favourite album.

[Keith Jarrett](#) – Still Alive, Jamiroquai – Emergency on planet Earth – are amongst some of my favorite albums, for many reasons, musically but also the memories that are associated with them.

## Who has caught you attention recently that we should be listening out for?

Federico Mompou, Musica Callada – I introduced it to Herbie Hancock and he loved it!

For more information visit Cédric's website at [cedrichanriot.com](https://cedrichanriot.com)





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