

Artist: RF & Lili De La Mora
Title: Eleven Continents
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For the fans of: Kings of Convenience, Azure Ray, Joanna Newsom, RF, The Year Zero, Familiar Trees



OVERVIEW

Blending acoustic arrangements alongside subtle introspective vocals, "Eleven Continents" is the first offering from multi-instrumentalist Ryan Francesconi (RF) and vocalist Lili De La Mora.

In the spirit of collaboration, both decided to invite a few friends to contribute to the record. The addition of Familiar Trees' vocalist Fabiola Sanchez adds a warmth and conversational aspect to the lyrics, while Joanna Newsom's harp adds a resonance to Francesconi's arrangements of cello, viola, winds and subtle percussion. While the arrangements and textures are reminiscent of his releases under the RF moniker, much of the electronic aspect of his other music has been replaced by the breathy tone and sincerity of Lili De La Mora's lyrics.

Ryan and Lili teamed up with Lili's long time producer Ken Negrete of Time Release Records to help shape the sound and co-produce the record with Ryan. The collaboration expanded — and as Time Release committed to the release, Francesconi also started a new sub-label of Odd Shaped Case to represent this new beginning. "Eleven Continents" exemplifies the sound that Rowing At Sea will be - richness of texture, meaning and pure intentions. A year's worth of work later, they've emerged with an album of songs that will inspire you to hope and dream. Consider them an invitation to travel, first inside to discover what it is you want to bring into being — then encouragement to go forth into the world and create it.

PRESS

"In addition to Francesconi's deftly picked guitar and De La Mora's breathy voice, wisps of cello, trumpet, flute, and harp drift through the album gentle as a breeze, never upsetting its delicate balance. The result is music that moves efficiently without sounding hollow and artificial, music that is full of embellishment while sounding neither gaudy nor ostentatious. The album's finest moments, though, come when the silvery tones of Joanna Newsom's harp join the mix. The album's title track unfurls to reveal a rushing, ever-growing spiral of graceful guitars, playful harp strings, and fragile, pensive vocals. Every note sounds as if it has been bathed in silvery twilight." - Jason Morehead, OpusZine

"Multi-instrumentalist Ryan Francesconi (RF) and sensually hushed vocalist Lili De La Mora have collaborated to form the most gorgeous album of the year thus far. Eleven Continents is an intricate 12-song piece that's largely acoustic and delightfully artful. RF's electronic flourishes are absent throughout the entire album, and additional organic, all-star musicians such as Fabiola Sanchez & Ken Negrete (familiar trees) and Joanna Newsom grace several tracks with their presence. The ambience that Eleven Continents demonstrates is chilling, especially because every atmosphere is created without the help of wall-of-sound shoegazing or laptop assisted glitching. The songcraft here is nothing short of stellar, and Francesconi's playing is masterful. It seems like all the ingredients are near perfect for this record, and the outcome is sheer beauty." - The Black and White Magazine

01	Through the Trees *	3:52
02	Fences	5:14
03	Miles and Miles	3:43
04	Kings	3:37
05	Hundreds of Threads	4:44
06	Cherry Park	3:33
07	Fascinated	3:19
08	Newt Crossing	4:04
09	11:11 *	2:05
10	Steep Ravine	3:44
11	Eleven Continents *	3:46
12	Lifetime *	2:26

* recommended for radio

Lili De La Mora - lead vocals
Fabiola Sanchez - vocals, lead on 4
Ryan Francesconi - guitar, bass, rhodes
Ken Negrete - piano, rhodes
Joanna Newsom - harp
Heather Lockie - viola
Shaun Darius Gottlieb - cello
James King - flute
Eric Oberthaler - trumpet
Tolga Yenilmez - percussion

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