## Mp3 Pekka Lehti - Outo Voima ('strange Force')

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Acoustic Nordic folk-fusion with improvisation. This is a very subdued and natural sounding album. Pekka Lehti and his friends are creating an intimate and unpretentious ambience. 8 MP3 Songs WORLD: World Fusion, NEW AGE: Meditation Details: This is a very subdued and natural sounding album that highlights Pekka's versatility, the individual and collective talents of Pekka and his quests in duet settings, as well as creating an intimate and unpretentious ambience. Impressive debut from one of Finlands's most talented musicians. GUEST STARS: Wimme Saari - voice Sanna Kurki-Suonio - voice Timo Alakotila (JPP, Aldargaz, Troka) - harmonium Arto Jrvel (JPP, Aldargaz, Pinnin Pojat) - violin Jarmo Saari (XL) - guitar Riitta Kossi (Helsinki melodeon ladies, ex-Vrttin) - accordion. BIO Living on the fortress island of Suomenlinna three kilometres off the coast of Helsinki yields a fascinating vantage point over the life and happenings in the capital of Finland - and the whole nation. Not too surprisingly, this perspective is something artists find especially appealing. One of the musicians sharing the experience with the 900 people living on this historically significant island is Pekka Lehti. Although nowadays involved in varied projects, Pekka Lehti (b. 1965 in Joensuu, Karelia) first entered the world of music by beginning to play the bass in a punk rock band. Twenty years later the man would pay tribute to that group, 'Outo Voima' ('Strange Force'), by naming his own debut album after it. But between these two cornerstones of his career, Lehti's solemn double bass has been heard in numerous situations both locally and globally. Kicking off his professional career at the age of 17, the brave bassman has plunged into a dizzying array of settings from backing up singer/songwriters to sweating the night away with jazz combos to producing a concert based on the music of Nino Rota and beyond. Many exciting projects aside, Pekka's most widely recognized working environment has been, since 1992, the modernist folklore ensemble Vrttin. As an arranger, co-leader and composer Lehti is a valuable team player in the ranks of this vanguardian world music collective which has performed live all over Europe, Asia, Latin America, and North America. The bassist can be heard on 'Aitara' (1994), 'Kokko' (1996), 'Vihma' (1998) and 'Ilmatar' (2000). Pekka Lehti steps to the fore with 'Outo Voima'. This disc presents a collection of duets with vocalists and instrumentalists with whom Pekka has crossed paths during his long and winding career in music. With

the goal of capturing the strong Nordic inspiration at its purest, most of the album was recorded "on location" - either in Lehti's living room or the collaborators' homes. Therefore 'Outo Voima' seems possessed by an irresistible timeless magic. These meditative tunes are not only the first statement of a mature solo artist, but also a poignant cry out for peace and quiet: Impressions from the outside looking in. The Suomenlinna spirit.

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