

**SIGMATROPIC****Dark Outside**

TONGUE MASTER

**Elegant moodscaping  
from Greek composer**

What began 10 years ago as a one-man sortie into experimental music morphed into something bigger with Sigmatropic's 2003 LP, *16 Haiku & Other Stories*. There, Athenian composer Akis Boyatzis was joined by Cat Power, Mark Eitzel and others for a murky mix of folk and exotica. *Dark Outside* hugs the same space, adding grooves and the odd snapping beat to the moody ambience. This time, Boyatzis adds his own occasional vocals, though it's Howe Gelb and Willard Grant's Robert Fisher who excel, especially the latter on propulsive electro-cowboy ballad "Song In My Wallet".