

SIGMATROPIC

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Dark Outside

QUITE possibly the coolest sounds to come out of Greece are these luminous studies in electronica, folk and rock.

Sigmatropic is a vehicle for the gifted Akis Boyatzis, who creates serene cinematic soundscapes to frame fascinating vocal performances.

Friends helping out include Howe Gelb, who lends his laid-back drawl to the trip-hoppy White, and Willard Grant Conspiracy's Robert Fisher, whose sturdy baritone brings power and grace to two songs. (Check out The Blue Side Of The Sun.) Add in fine vocals from Akis and sultry-voiced band member Anna Karakalou and you've a thoroughly engaging listen. **CS**

