



artist:

LENA

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Floating Roots

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QUATERMASS

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Description:

"Mathias 'Lena' Delplanque's adventure began in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso), in 1973. Rocked by the sounds of disco, reggae, Zouk and Congolese rumba, he began his music studies (organ and piano) at a very young age. In an atypical way, his musical horizons open up radically: **Tom Waits, Art of Noise, Public Enemy, Pierre Henry, Edgar Varèse, Stockhausen**...His first compositions were born out of tape recorders, using makeshift overdubbing. His stumbling upon Faulkner's writings, especially Light of August gave birth to Lena, an alias inspired by the wanderings of one character, Lena Grove. The debut album Lane (Quatermass QS132) came out in 2002 and featured a mix of deep digital dub, primitive art (Tom Waits), and something close to the German minimal techno-dub sound. Now, in 2004: Floating Roots, Lena's second opus. Strikes of melodies inherited from **Scientist** and **Augustus Pablo** spurt over more impressive rhythms (binary or wobbly). With the help of **Black Sifichi** and **Tablloyd**, assuming the roles of MCs, Lena has transformed into a hi-fi sound system. At the crossroads of the various influences he has absorbed since his African childhood, Mathias Delplanque reinvents dub by crossing **Lee Perry** with **Pole**, giving life to a hybrid monster of sorts."

Track Listing:

01 Wax Model 05:41
02 Under False Rulers 06:06
03 Storm Blowin 05:09
04 Smoke Screen 06:30
05 Casquette of Sound 05:51
06 Marabu 03:59
07 Wah Gwan? 04:26
08 Mountain Dub 05:32
09 Floating Roots 06:25
10 Mountain Dub (**Daniel Meteo** Remix) 04:04

Highlights:

- **Lena = Mathias Delplanque**
- Reinvents dub by crossing **Lee Perry** with **Pole**, giving life to a hybrid monster of sorts.
- Influenced by: **Tom Waits, Art of Noise, Public Enemy, Pierre Henry, Edgar Varèse, Stockhausen**
- With Guest MC's **Black Sifichi** and **Tablloyd**

Discography

- LENA / Lane / QS132 Quatermass

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