

Akira Sakata & Jim O'Rourke with Chikamorachi & Merzbow Flying Basket



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Format 2xLP/CD

Packaging Full-color gatefold LP jacket for 2xLP

Japanese-style "Mini-LP" jacket for CD

2xLP Box lot 20

CD Box lot 35

Genre Avant / Experimental

Key markets New York, Boston, Austin, Chicago,
Atlanta, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle

RIYL John Coltrane, Borbetomagus,
Colin Stetson, Throbbing Gristle

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Flying Basket is a zonked and fantastic double album of avant jazz, discord and deconstructed rock by five master practitioners. It also marks the debut collaboration by a pair of Japan's legendary transgressors -- saxophonist **Akira Sakata** and noise pioneer **Masami Akita**, aka **Merzbow**.

For the past ten years Sakata has rededicated himself to fiery free jazz alongside guitarist **Jim O'Rourke** and the monstrous rhythm section **Chikamorachi** -- **Chris Corsano** (drums) and **Darin Gray** (double bass, percussion). Sakata's playing remains beautiful and exploratory as it did 40 years ago.

But with this quartet, plus special guest Merzbow, the music boils to when the wheels snap off: Sakata howls; O'Rourke bleeds the guitar of melody, leaving only pulsating electricity. The drum/bass truly swing and nail it down like Ali/Garrison. Merzbow's analogue sound mass cuts textured furrows headlong into these four, leaving behind harmonic shifts and caterwauling in the wake. There's minimalist motifs and repeating horn/bass/six-string phrases woven into this but *Flying Basket* remains a massive free flowing, hallucinatory zone of propulsion. No clichés. They kick out the jams.

Cut at Dubplates & Mastering, Berlin December 2014 by Rashad Becker. Choose from two pristine 150 gram LPs pressed by Quality Record Pressing and housed in a popping gatefold jacket designed by the hand/razor of Jeremy Kannappell; or CD in a Stoughton tip-on mini-LP sleeve.

2xLP Track Listing

Side A. Flying Basket, Part 1
Side B. Flying Basket, Part 2
Side C. Flying Basket, Part 3
Side D. Flying Basket, Part 4

CD Track Listing

1. Flying Basket

Selling points

- First domestic Sakata CD release since 2011
- Jim O'Rourke is a famed artist for pop and experimental solo work
- Vinyl is limited to 800 copies worldwide

Back Catalog

FV66 *Friendly Pants* CD

FV77 *Live at Hungry Brain* LP

FV78 *...and that's the Story of Jazz* 2xCD



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