

OREGON 'ROOTS IN THE SKY VINYL RECORD (SPEAKERS CORNER RECORDS/GERMAN IMP)



Founded all the way back in 1971, this American band melted with all kinds of World Music genres through the years and managed to release a lot of records, including the popular *Roots in the Sky* album from 1979, which has been re-issued on vinyl by SPEAKERS CORNER RECORDS. Although the music is classically based and could be very much described as a high class instrumental mixture of jazz, fusion and prog, it also reveals Arabic, African and Asian traditional music influences in each and every song of the album, and this sets them apart from the rest at the time and even now in 2021, because *Roots in the Sky* sounds crystal

Sometimes a bit more experimental and groovy, while at other times melodic and clear, these 9 songs take you into an enjoyable journey and the album itself is now 40+ years later. The band's line up consisted of bassist Glen Moore, clarinet/oboe/flute player John McEuen, flugelhorn player/guitarist/pianist/percussionist Ralph Towner and percussionist Collin Walcott. Mastered by the legendary Bob Ludwig (QUEEN, U2, THE MOTLEY CRUE, GUNS'N'ROSES...), this fantastic album sounds massive and fun to make it attractive enough to listen to from start to finish, with as absolute highlight the epic *Ogden Road*. Even if you're not a jazz or progfan, then you would still be impressed by that offers so much variety for an instrumental record. The vinyl album is available at <http://www.speakerscornerrecords.com/?lang=en> (Europe) and <http://www.acousticsounds.com> (USA).

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