



Khiov Music LP 43000
Marc Johnson: The Sound Of Summer Running
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This date is a surprisingly mellow and melodic affair, particularly when one considers the personnel (bassist Marc Johnson, both Bill Frisell and Pat Metheny on guitars and drummer Joey Baron). Much of the music is comprised of unclassifiable, folkish melodies filled with lyrical guitar solos. Frisell is quite restrained throughout (adding a country feel to many of the songs) and Metheny is less distinctive than usual, alternating between his electric and acoustic guitars, as well as his 42-string pikasso guitar. The quartet performs seven Johnson originals (most memorable is "Union Pacific"), two by Frisell and one from Metheny. The overall results are pleasing and relaxed music.

Recording: at Avatar Studios, New York, by Joe Ferla
Production: Lee Townsend "The Sound Of Summer Running" - Marc Johnson (b); Bill Frisell, Pat Metheny (g); Joey Baron (dr, tam)