

African Voices PIRANHA STYLE

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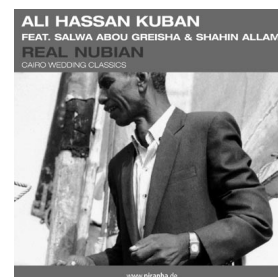
ALI HASSAN KUBAN FEAT SALWA ABOU GREISHA & SHAHIN ALLAM

Title:

REAL NUBIAN

Subtitle:

CAIRO WEDDING CLASSICS



Short-info:

The Godfather of Nubian soul returns with "Real Nubian" to Piranha, which already released his groundbreaking albums "From Nubia To Cairo" and "Walk Like A Nubian". This original Piranha selection of Cairo wedding classics is recorded on location in the mother of all cities, in the El Araby studio at the westbank of the river Nile. Supported by Salwa Abou Greisha (well known from her Piranha albums with Salamat and Mahmoud Fadl) and newcomer Shahin Allan, Ali Hassan Kuban knows how to prove his point: Black Egypt is alive kicking and REAL.

Quote:

"Ali Hassan Kuban has marched on through the reign of King Farouk, the social upheaval and turbulence of the sixties, the flood of requests for the genre of music he was pioneering in the seventies. He is finally confident of his place in history." **Al-Ahram, Cairo**

Musicians:

ALI HASSAN KUBAN (lead vocals, except 6, 13) / HASSAN MEKY MOHAMED GOMA (accordion) / HASSAN MACHMUD SAID HALIM (darabukka) / GUMA ISMAIL ADAM (tenorsax) / ABDELRAZIK ABDALLA MOHAMED ALI (altosax) / SAMIR GOMAA (bongos) / BIBI HAMMOND (bass, keyboards) / NASRELDIN SHALALY HUSSEIN (vocals), guests: SALWA ABOU GREISHA (lead vocals title 6, vocals titles 1,3,7,13) / SHAHIN ALLAM (lead vocals, title 13) and others

Titles:

1. **Gammal** (trad./Ali Hassan Kuban) / 2. **Eshmana** (Abdou Merghani) / 3. **Hela Houb** (Ali Hassan Kuban) / 4. **Adeele** (Abdou Merghani) / 5. **Abu Simbel** (Ali Hassan Kuban) / 6. **Malu Malu** (Moussa Hassan Khalil Awwad) / 7. **Daiman** (Ali Hassan Kuban) / 8. **Sandalia** (Ali Hassan Kuban/Mohamed Abdel Wahab) / 9. **Kobana** (Hassan Meky Mohamed Gomaa) / 10. **Ayga** (Ahmed Mounib/Mohamed Lamoni) / 11. **Koma Wo Beda** (Aoued Chabane) / 12. **Sanose** (trad./Ali Hassan Kuban) / 13. **Gammal** (trad./Ali Hassan Kuban). All arrangements by Bibi Hammond

Recommended listening:

Title 1, title 7

Good reasons to play this album:

- The Godfather of Nubians popular roots music is back with a new selection of Cairo wedding classics, recorded on location at the El Araby studio in Cairo
- It's the first new Ali Hassan Kuban album in seven years
- AHK is the No 1 Oriental CD star of the nineties acc. to the World Music Charts Europe of the European Broadcasting Union EBU
- Real Nubian presents songs in the original Nubian pentatonic as well as Arab music scales, and sung in both Nubian and Arab language. Short explanations help to understand the "message" of each song
- This album is like a Nile sailing trip to Cairo, joining a wedding at the end of the day.
- Like each urban Nubian wedding party the album combines songs about love and home, dubs and instrumentals, plus guest singers accompanied by the same band
- AHK presents 2 singers of the new Cairo generation: Salwa Abou Greisha – well known from her Piranha recordings with Mahmoud Fadl (album: Umm Kalthum 7000) and Salamat (album: Ezzayakoum) – and the young Arab singer Shahin Allam (nephew of top Cairo star Achmed Adawia). Compare the pentatonic version of Gammal sung by AHK which opens the album with Shahin Allams version of the same song which ends the set
- The album includes a pentatonic Japanese folk tune which became a Nubian wedding song after AHK heard it in a Yokohama taxi (title 12 Sanose)
- Real Nubian is a CD to dance to for every joyful event – no difference if it is a Nubian wedding or a street party in a New York barrio
- It can create infectious happiness and timeless laughter like a Buster Keaton movie
- It's music seldom played in the radio

For more good reasons to play this album go to www.piranha.de



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Format: CD only, 12 songs in Nubian and Arabic + 1 instrumental, total playing time 48:21, English text info included.

File under: Egypt / World / Popular / Nubian

Additional info:

Original Piranha release, recorded at the El Araby Studio Cairo & On Air Studio Berlin, 1997-1999

PR-material available:

- Label postcard
- www.piranha.de feat.
- extended cover text version
- Nubia & culture link guide
- free MP3 download of title 1
- Real Audio soundexample of title 7

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