

SALAMAKANNEL: SALAMAHUMPPA

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from the upcoming album "IV" out 18th October 2024!



A-side - Salamakannel:

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B-side - Salamakannel, Ismo Alanko & JPP String Quartet:

Tuomi on virran reunalla

Salamahumppa - The Lightning Humppa (Järvelä)

In Arto's Lightning Humppa, ancient Karelian dance moves blend with more modern Finnish dance rhythms and style.

Tuomi on virran reunalla - The Bird Cherry Tree Beside the Stream (trad)

The Bird Cherry Tree Beside the Stream is one of the most cherished Finnish folk songs. The singer laments the departure of a beloved who has gone to distant lands, finding solace only in a bird cherry tree by the stream. Salamakannel is honored to have Finnish rock legend Ismo Alanko as the song's emotional interpreter.

Salamakannel

Arto Järvelä, fiddle, mandolin, nyckelharpa

Antti Kettunen, acoustic guitar, electric guitar, zither

Kimmo Käsälä, electric bass

Hannu Saha, kanteles

Salamakannel: IV

Salamakannel is back! The group made three albums in the late 1980s and early 1990s, which were at the forefront of Finnish contemporary folk music at the time.

Salamakannel's personal sound is created by a chorus of various stringed instruments. The band still plays both traditionally and acoustically, as well as incorporating electrics and more modern effects. Salamakannel's fourth album features a variety of moods, ranging from heart-wrenchingly beautiful melodies to church bells, Chicago waltz, polska, and Finnish popular dance music oompah, *humppa*.

Although Salamakannel has always played traditional folk music, the most essential part of the band is still the personal compositions of its members.

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Antti Kettunen, Kimmo Käsälä, Hannu Saha and Arto Järvelä