Chris McKhool – Global Dance Party!

Dance to Family-Friendly Global Grooves!
Samba, Jazz, Québécois-Cajun, Celtic, African, Folk, Rockabilly, Funk, Arabic, Reggae

SONGS:

1… Animal Samba (2:53)
(Chris McKhool, Kevin Laliberté)

2… Jump Jump! (2:54)
(Chris McKhool)

3… Breathe (The Sky of a Billion Years) (3:40)
(Chris McKhool, Saskia Tomkins, Duke Redbird)

4… Brand New Day (2:54)
(Russell Levia)

5… Party in the Street (2:49)
(Chris McKhool)

6… L'arbre est dans ses feuilles (3:27)
(Traditional Québécois-Cajun)

7… On Halloween (2:49)
(Chris McKhool)

8… Somewhere, Anywhere (2:48)
(Chris McKhool, A. A. Milne)

9… Our Planet Earth (3:23)
(Chris McKhool, Kevin Laliberté, Drew Birston, Saskia Tomkins)

Program time: 28:00 mins



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Drew Birston: electric and acoustic bass, scat
Kevin Laliberté: guitars, keyboards, programming
Saskia Tomkins: fiddle, violin, viola, cello, theremin, vocals, birds

Featuring:
Doug Banwell: saxes, silver flute
Elder Duke Redbird, OC: poetry on 'Breathe'
Kevin Turcotte: trumpet
Marito Marques: drums, percussion
Nicolas Tjelios: Palmas, groups shouts, birds
Rebecca Campbell: vocals
River Kurucz McKhool: vocal duets
Steáfán Hannigan: Irish flute, bodhrán, wind chimes, triangle
Waleed Abdulhamid: vocals on 'Planet Earth'
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1.. Animal Samba

Lyrics by Chris McKhool, Music by Chris McKhool, Kevin Laliberté (SOCAN)
Arr. With Drew Birston, Saskia Tomkins

Gonna clap, clap, clap
We're gonna clap our hands
Hear the *palmas* weave together
With our hand percussion band

To the beating of the drum
That gives the music birth
Feel the rhythm in your chest
That's the heartbeat of the Earth

Gonna stalk and pounce
Like a sneaky soundless cat
That hunts in the savanna
Or purrs upon your lap

Our whiskers are our radars
We have super silent paws
Better keep on our good side
Or you'll see our ferocious claws

Gonna spring into the air
And sail through the sky
We're gonna soar with the ravens
They teach us how to fly

Tuck your wings in for a spin
And a steep swooping dive
I can roll and fly upside down
I feel so alive

C'mon let's go for a swim
Like a big blue whale

I can launch out of the water
And splash you with my tail

I can live to be two hundred
And I learn to sing from birth
And grow larger than the dinos
The biggest animal on Earth!

2... Jump Jump!
By Chris McKhool (SOCAN)
Arr. with Drew Birston, Kevin Laliberté, Saskia Tomkins

Chorus:
Jump jump, Everybody on your feet
Hop hop, Dance to the jazzy beat
Swing swing, Turn your partner round
Lock in to the gorgeous sound

Tap tap, Can you feel the heat
Snap snap, Makes the tune complete
Stomp stomp, The dancefloor is aglow
With our twinkle toes

Sky is cloudy, I don't care
Rain is falling, I don't mind
Ignore the weather vane
Let's misbehave in the rain!

Jump jump, Everybody on your feet
Hop hop, Dance to the jazzy beat
Swing swing, Turn your partner round
Lock in to the gorgeous sound

We can't have dancing in this place
Without the low end from the bass

Without the chords, well I can't sing
Come on let's hear that guitar ring

That sounds cool, you must admit
Now let's add the full drum kit

There we have the rhythm glue
Now let's add the fiddle too

Chorus

3… Breathe (The Sky of a Billion Years)
Lyrics & Music by Chris McKhool (SOCAN)
Opening Poem "My Lodge" by Duke Redbird
"Remember to Breathe" fiddle tune by Saskia Tomkins
Arr. with Drew Birston, Kevin Laliberté, Saskia Tomkins

Duke Redbird:
Simple was my lodge of birch
Pure was the water that I drank
Swift was the canoe that carried me
And straight was the arrow that protected me
Wild was the meat that fed me
And sweet was the sugar maple
Strong were the herbs that sustained me
And great was my mother, the Earth

Chris:
Walk the Earth with me, hold my hand
Drink in the sights, breathe in the land
From the Boreal lights, to the sunlit streams,
They fill my dreams

This forest nourishes all we see
From tiny toads to breathless trees
From the fur of the fox, to the glint of a wing,
Can you hear them sing?

Breathe deep
Feel the gifts of the Earth, and the moments we keep
Breathe deep
The sky of a billion years

Breathe deep
From the moment you rise, till you fall fast asleep
Breathe deep
The sky of a billion years

4… Brand New Day

By Russell Levia (SOCAN)
Arr. with Chris McKhool, Drew Birston, Kevin Laliberté, Saskia Tomkins

It's time to wake up
It's time to wake up
You may wake up feeling happy
You may wake up feeling sad
Don't feel too bad

Let's go for a walk
Let's go for a walk
You may walk in high green pasture
You may fall down in some hole
God loves your soul

It's a brand new day
It's a brand new day
You may see a shining rainbow
You may feel the cold wet sleet
Stay on your feet

Have you heard the news
Have you heard the news
There's a storm across the ocean
There's a peace within your mind
When you are kind

5… Party in the Street

By Chris McKhool (SOCAN)
Arr. with Drew Birston, Kevin Laliberté, Saskia Tomkins

I've got the urge to sing, the urge to rhyme
I feel so good, it's *Mardi Gras* time
Grab your beads for the masquerade
And come and join us in the big parade.

Chorus:
Gonna party in the street, party with our pals
Dance all night for Carnival

The sun is a shining but I'm feeling cool
We're havin' some fun, we're outa school
The party's only here for part of the year
So let's rock the streets with some New Orleans cheer
Chorus

We've got Kevin, he's a one-man jamboree
Strummin' all day under the old oak tree
Saskia saws, with her fiddle and bow
And Drew on the bass playin' notes so low!
Chorus

I've got my guitar and a song to sing
And friends by my side singing harmony
Got blues in my fingers, reggae in my soul
Folk, jazz, and grungy ol' rock and roll
Chorus

6… L'arbre est dans ses feuilles

Traditional Québécois-Cajun
Arr. with Chris McKhool, Drew Birston, Kevin Laliberté, Saskia Tomkins (SOCAN)

In my yard there is a tree
And in the tree, there is a branch.
In the branch there is a nest, an egg, a bird, a heart, and in that heart, well…

Chorus:
L'arbre est dans ses feuilles, marilon, marilé
L'arbre est dans ses feuilles, marilon dondé

Dans l'arbre il y a une branche
In the tree there is a branch
La branche est dans l'arbre
Chorus

Et sur la branche il y a un nid
On the branch there is a nest
Le nid est sur la branche, la branche est dans l'arbre
Chorus

Dans le nid il y a un œuf
In the nest there is an egg
L'œuf est dans le nid,
Le nid est sur la branche, la branche est dans l'arbre
Chorus

Dans l'œuf y'a un oiseau
In the egg there is a bird
L'oiseau est dans l'œuf, l'œuf est dans le nid
Le nid est sur la branche, la branche est dans l'arbre
Chorus

Dans l'oiseau il y a un cœur
In the bird there is a heart
Le cœur est dans l'oiseau, l'oiseau est dans l'œuf
L'œuf est dans le nid, Le nid est sur la branche,
la branche est dans l'arbre

Chorus

Et savez-vous ce qu'il y a dans le cœur, qui est dans l'oiseau, qui est dans l'œuf, qui est dans le nid, qui est sur la branche, qui est dans l'arbre?
L'amour – *Love*

L'amour est dans le cœur, le cœur est dans l'oiseau
L'oiseau est dans l'œuf, l'œuf est dans le nid
Le nid est sur la branche, la branche est dans l'arbre
Chorus

L'arbre est dans ses feuilles, marilon, marilé
L'arbre est dans ses feuilles, marilon, dondé

7… On Halloween

By Chris McKhool (SOCAN)
Arr. with Drew Birston, Kevin Laliberté, Saskia Tomkins

Cats scratch at my door
They're creeping cross my floor
I wanna know what for,
They're all here on Halloween
Meow meow meow

Witches flying all around
Keeping me spellbound,
They make a cackle sound
While they cast their spells on Halloween
Ahh ahh ahhh, Meow meow meow

Pumpkins light the night
With their eyes flaming bright,
Something's not quite right
How they sing to me on Halloween
Ooo ooo oooo, Ahh ahh ahhh, Meow meow meow

Werewolves and ghosts, Coming to my door
Ringing my bell, I wonder what for?
They're asking for candy, they're asking for sweets,
Pounding their drums up and down their street
Singing their songs to a scary beat
Putting the pranks into the trick or treat
What can I do? Don't come inside
There's nowhere to go,
There's nowhere to hide

Ooo ooo oooo, Ahh ahh ahhh, Meow meow meow

8… Somewhere, Anywhere

Music by Chris McKhool (SOCAN)
Arr. with Drew Birston, Kevin Laliberté, Saskia Tomkins
Words adapted from "Spring Morning" by A. A. Milne

Where am I going? I don't quite know
Down to the stream where the buttercups grow,
Up on the hill where the pine trees blow
Somewhere, anywhere, I don't know,
Where am I going? I don't quite know,
Somewhere, anywhere, there I go.

If you were a cloud, and sailed up there
You'd sail on water as blue as air,
And you'd see me here in the fields and say:
"Doesn't the sky look green today?"
Where am I going? I don't quite know,
Somewhere, anywhere, there I go.

If you were a bird, and lived on high
You'd lean on the wind when the wind came by,
You'd say to the breeze when it took you away:
"That's where I wanted to go today!"
Where am I going? I don't quite know,
Somewhere, anywhere, there I go

9... Our Planet Earth

Lyrics by Chris McKhool, Music by Chris McKhool, Drew Birston, Kevin Laliberté, Saskia Tomkins (SOCAN)

Let's celebrate
Her beautiful bounty
She cares for us
We are her children

Come on, let's play
With our animal friends
We care for them
We are all her children

Chorus:
She gives us everything we need
Flowers and the apple trees
Vastness of the deep blue seas
How I love our Mother Earth

Supporting life so selflessly
Sustaining everything you see
Holding love for you and me
Our planet Earth

The river sings
Feel the mountain breezes
Beneath the stars
We are dreaming

Come dance along
Through the fields and forests
We walk as one
We are all her children

Chorus

Oceans with their rhythmic tide
Where the wilder wonders hide

The tallest coastal redwood trees
That grow from such a tiny seed

Dancing, singing to the drum
Underneath the glowing sun

Waleed sings in Sudanese:
I am calling
Do you hear me?
I am here
And we are here
We are all here
We are existing
We are here
You and I, You and I
Hey!