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A discrete but essential actor of the **Basque indie scene** when playing drums for bands such as Willis Drummond, Joseba Irazoki and Petit Fantôme, **Felix Buff** also explores songwriting territories on his own under the moniker **Rüdiger**.

His first effort *“Before it’s vanished”* gained attention from the local scene in 2020, as he pursued his drumming career after the pandemic shut down.

During this period, Rüdiger also played 40 concerts, refining and strengthening his skills as a band leader, even opening the **BBK Bilbao Festival** alongside Phoenix and Roisin Murphy.

“The Dancing King” now presents the most twisting details of his world. Behind this title, there is the desire to develop **dreamlike music**, the desire to cut oneself off from the real world and ambient noise, to lose yourself in your inner world, to be master of your own dance.

At the crossroads of **folk, rock and electronica**, Rüdiger evokes his musical heroes (**Radiohead, Robert Wyatt, Gastr del sol, The Beatles, Neil Young...**) without ever falling into an exercise in style. Thread conductor of the record is certainly the **taste for melody and pop writing** that he manifests, essential tools to be able to let yourself be carried away in daring compositions without ever getting lost. It goes from epileptic drums accompanied by a set of strings to a buzzing keyboard opening a swaying chorus, from a techno-like climb to a psychedelic piano/vocal ballad and a pop song to electronic experiments. His perfect world would fit into the Beatles' White Album, where **each song could exist in its own right**.

The record counts among its notable collaborators Stéphane Laporte and Olivier Lamm from **Egyptology**, Pierre Loustaunau (**Petit Fantôme**) and Laura Etchegoyhen (**François & the atlas mountain, Voyou**).



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“Discreet herald of shimmering dreamy pop, the Basque musician delivers a superbly crafted second LP.”

***Les Inrockuptibles* - FR**

“Visionary eclectic pop.”

***France Inter - Côté Club* - FR**

“*The Dancing King* is all that is most modern pop in its approach and its sounds.”

***Magic* -FR**

“Felix Buff unveils dreamy pop songs, a bit psychedelic, with a keen sense of rhythm.”

***France Culture*
- *Affaires*
culturelles -FR**

A psychedelic pop rock album from which some really catchy singles emerge” ***Benzine mag* -FR**

“As excellent as his debut, as ethereal and resonant.”

Mondo sonoro - #3 best of 2023 - Spain

“As extravagant as it is moving with the clear objective of leaving a mark on the listener. Something he amply achieves.”

Beatburguer - Spain

“Easily placed among the best of the year, *The Dancing King* is truly an album of surprises”

Ypogeio - Best of 2023 - Greece



“His own inner world leads the dance”
RAI Radio 3 - Sei Gradi - Italy



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Duo (variable)

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