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INNERLAND

- VOYAGE THROUGH THE *PAYSAGE* OF DREAMS -

Stéphane Furic - Leibovici

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Almut Kühne *voice*

Samuel BLASER trombone

Christophe SCHWEIZER trombone

INNERLAND is a story about a journey. The travelogue of this journey reads like a voyage of a fragmented psyche through the *paysage* of dreams. ---*Victoria Jordanova*

Two previous **Arpaviva** releases featured voice as the powerful tool of music communication. First was the 2007 premiere recording of *Postcard from Heaven* - for 20 harps, composed by **John Cage** and realized by **Victoria Jordanova** on harps with vocal parts sung by the legendary **Pamela Z**. The second release was *New York Love Songs* - a conceptual album dedicated to the avant-garde reinterpretation of the solo pianist/vocalist genre featuring pianist **Jenny Q Chai**. This 2010 recording involved an amplified piano, voice and electronic sound processing. Now, **Arpaviva** is proud to present *INNERLAND* by French composer **Stéphane Furic - Leibovici**.

INNERLAND, is a fascinating neo-modern-romantic contemplation on music and poetry. The seven poems set to music were written by seven different poets over a period of several centuries. In response to the extreme romantic lyricism of the poetry, the composer chose atonality as the music language for this work. Fragmentary nature of **Stéphane Furic - Leibovici's** music is ever intriguing as "the composer [keeps] challenging our very notion of what will come next." ---*The Wire, 2008*

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Together with two internationally renowned trombone players **Samuel Blaser** and **Christophe Schweizer**, singer **Almut Kühne** renders exquisitely the nuance packed **Furic - Leibovici's** score.

Entirely acoustic, **INNERLAND** was flawlessly recorded in one take at the famous Funkhaus Berlin, in Kammersaal (Saal 3) in July 2014.

In this beautifully written composition in a traditional sense, **Stéphane Furic - Leibovici** borrows the arresting voice of **Almut Kühne** to tell us an eerie story: a tale of love, perhaps of a great lost love. It is an account of being lost in and wandering through the interior landscape of one's heart, searching for the path that leads back to the outside world. Almut sings, speaks, and whispers to us, and she stuns us with bursts of vocal virtuosity.

Those who are listening to **INNERALND** will feel special, like confidants allowed access into an inner sanctum.

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