

MARA HALUNGA

A close-up, low-angle photograph of Mara Halunga. She has dark, wavy hair with subtle blue highlights. Her eyes are dark and smoky, and she is wearing a bold red lip color. She is wearing large, silver hoop earrings and a white, lace-trimmed garment. Her hands are raised to her hair; one hand holds a small, rectangular object, possibly a card or a piece of paper, near her forehead. The background is a solid, vibrant red.

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Meet Mara

Mara Halunga is a singer and songwriter. Born in Bucharest, Mara always heard many stories about Brazil because of her grandfather, who had worked as an engineer during the construction of the Romanian embassy building in Brasília. Her interest in Brazilian culture and music only increased, and then, in 2013, she met the Brazilian guitarist Cauê De Marinis.

The following year, Mara began her career as a singer in São Paulo, studying Brazilian music. Between jams and participation in "rodas de samba" in São Paulo, a musical project was born in 2018. Since then, Mara Halunga participated in jazz festivals all over Romania, Italy, Sweden and São Paulo, together with Brazilian and Romanian musicians. At this moment, in music and in life, Mara is divided between Bucharest and São Paulo.

In 2024, to celebrate 50 years since the release of the album "Elis & Tom," Mara organized a tour in Romania (Brașov, Sibiu, Iași, Bacău, Botoșani, Sf. Gheorghe, and Bucharest - there were 9 shows). This was the only event of its kind in the country. The album was played in its entirety, bringing back to attention this gem of Brazilian music and inviting the audience to discover it.



Festivals

Cucuteni Jazz Festival	Iași -2024
RoLand Jazz Festival	Transylvania -2023,2022
Câmpina Jazz Festival	Câmpina -2023
Weekend Sessions Festival	Bucharest -2023
Breaza Jazz Pop Rock Festival	Breaza -2023
Csíki Jazz Festival	Miercurea Ciuc, Transylvania -2022
Lavanda Festival	Craiova -2022
Drumul Vinului Music Festival	Bistrita -2022
Amural Festival	Brașov, Transylvania -2021
Pelicula Festival	Bucharest -2019, 2020
TAMTAM Festival	Brașov, Transylvania -2019
World Experience Festival	Bucharest -2019
Värmdö Festivalen	Stockholm- 2019





Vento Leste

Mara Halunga's first original album was recorded in São Paulo, at Associação Cultural Cachuera studio and Parede Meia studio, and produced by **Bruno Dos Reis**. The musicians who recorded this album are: **Cauê de Marinis** (guitar and bass), **Daniel Grajew** (piano and accordion), **Fábio Sá** (bass/double bass), **Ari Colares** (percussion), and **Guilherme Tófano** (drums). The album also features contributions from **Coelho**, **Raphael Coelho**, and **Thomas Harres**. The music for all the tracks was composed by **Mara Halunga** and **Cauê De Marinis**, except for "Lume, lume" (a Romanian folk song from public domain). All the lyrics of the album were written by **Mara Halunga** and **Cauê De Marinis**, with contributions from **Will Webber** on four tracks. Infusing her music with an eclectic mix of rhythms and melodies, inspired by her experiences and encounters throughout her musical journey, Mara's album promises to be unforgettable.

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