

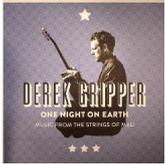
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1. Chamber Music 05:33 2.'56 03:04 3. Kaounding Cissoko 04:23 4. Djourou Kara Nany 04:22 5. Elyne Road 03:16 6. Jarabi (Passion) 06:36 7. Kaira (Peace) 05:25 8. Konkoba (Earth) 04:40 9. Tubaka (Love) 05:34 10. Bakoye 03:08 11. "Ma-Ma" FC 03:14 Performed by Derek Gripper All guitar arrangements by Derek Gripper

One Night on Earth, recorded in a single all night session, includes Derek Gripper's extraordinary interpretation of the Malian kora on guitar. This CD features the compositions of legendary Malian musicians Toumani Diabate, Ali Farka Toure, Ballake Sissoko and the French cellist, Vincent Segal.

The kora which is a 21 string African harp-lute made from a skin covered calabash with a hardwood neck is described by Derek Gripper as "one of the most complex instruments in Africa, an instrument able to perform bass lines and harmonic accompaniment while simultaneously improvising virtuosic melodic lines, creating the impression of a three-piece ensemble on just one instrument.

"Gripper has cracked it...his playing has a depthless beauty, which does full justice to the complexity of Toumani's compositions. To do so without any hint of the music being dumbed down is a staggering achievement on solo guitar...Gripper's record genuinely complements Toumani's music, and the more resonant sonorities of the guitar give the record its own baroque attraction...Gripper's extensive liner notes are a tour de force, too – it's one of the most perceptive and insightful pieces ever written about the kora and the compositional qualities of Toumani's unique music." ---Nigel Williamson, Songlines Magazine

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