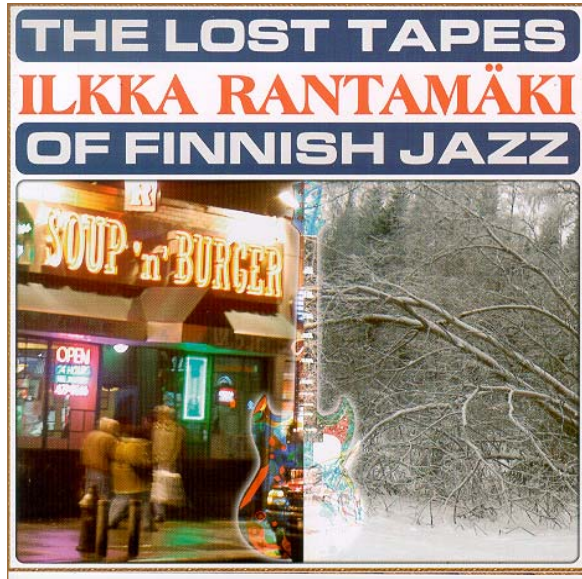


# ILKKA RANTAMÄKI

## The Lost Tapes of Finnish Jazz



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**The Lost Tapes Of Finnish Jazz** is a remastered compilation of guitar player **Ilkka Rantamäki's** previous albums "Borderline Case" (-87), "Cat House" (-89) and "Crashing, Spacy Free Mystery" (-94), which have been out of print for more than ten years. The albums of Rantamäki, who is often seen touring in the United States, have been highly praised especially in American publications.

***The Lost Tapes of Finnish Jazz, ★★★★★ five stars***

***"....Magnificent compilation rich in nuances from real outstanding guitar player."***

Rytmi music magazine May 2005, Leena Isborn

*"Music is highly original, recommended for those who like rock guitar virtuoso genre." – Goldmine*

*"A wordly Finnish fusion; Ilkka Rantamäki is unique among recent electric rock guitar instrumentalists, not just because he's Finnish, but because he's taken such a colorful approach to what has rapidly become a redundant musical style. ...a far-reaching and challenging album of world-perspective fusion, from a clever, noteworthy guitarist." -- Guitar, Buzz Morison*

*"Rantamäki's guitar grips the listener by the throat, rehabilitating jazz-rock into the bargain. This dynamic music with a strong sense of purpose is seasoned with national spirit somewhat in the manner of Pekka Pohjola (also to be heard on the record). The music thus sweeps along with some refined guitar playing and a strong sense of style." -- Jazz in Finland, Tapani Tommola*

Ilkka Rantamäki (born in 1957) studied guitar playing and composition in the Guitar Institute of Technology in California and in Helsinki Pop & Jazz Conservatory. Rantamäki has played with various ensembles for example at Pori Jazz, Sea Jazz, Linna Jazz, Helsinki Festival, Kainuun Jazzkevät, Jämsession and many other well-known festivals in Finland as well as played gigs in Stockholm, Los Angeles, New York and Zurich. In the release party for The Lost Tapes Of Finnish Jazz in March, Rantamäki played with his new band in the famous 55 Bar in New York.

For more information on gigs etc. see: [www.ilkkarantamaki.com](http://www.ilkkarantamaki.com)

For Rantamäki's interview by an American radio station (25 March) see: [www.thefusionshow.com](http://www.thefusionshow.com)



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