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Album

Convivial

Rating

★★★★☆

Release Date

Nov 11, 2008

Label

Huume

Genre

· Electronica

Styles

· Club/Dance
· Microhouse

Moods

· Light
· Bright
· Clinical
· Dreamy
· Sweet
· Sexual

Themes

· Party Time
· Late Night

Review

by Andy Kellman

Just before entering a seemingly inescapable cul-de-sac after 2006's *Paper Tigers*, Sasu Ripatti evades it by throwing Luomo into reverse. *Convivial*, however, is not quite a revisit of *Vocal City* or *The Present Lover*, two of the most seismic house albums released during the decade. It's the most song-oriented Luomo album, with the lyrical and vocal contributions expanded from *Paper Tigers'* featured voice, Johanna Iivanainen, to include fellow Europeans Cassy, Sascha Ring, Sue Cie, and an "anonymous" gent named Chubbs, as well as Americans Robert Owens and Scissor Sister Jake Shears. While this varied mix of voices suggests diffuse results, the two least likely collaborators -- Shears and Owens -- are kept, respectively, to tongue-twisting whispers and a series of low-key cut-ups. For its lack of rush-inducing highs and novel sounds, the album is immensely pleasurable, with fleet keyboard vamps and percussive effects that stab and flick ricocheting off pliant, bounding basslines. The only slip is "Nothing Goes Away," damp and squishy 21st century Euro-hip-house that wouldn't stimulate much more in instrumental form.

Tracks

			Title	Composer	Time
✓	1	🎧	Have You Ever	Britton, Luomo	8:03
	2	🎧	Love You All	Luomo	7:11
✓	3	🎧	If I Can't	Luomo, Shears	7:49
	4	🎧	Nothing Goes Away	Iivanainen, Luomo, Sue-C	6:49
✓	5	🎧	Robert's Reason	Luomo, Owens	6:49
	6	🎧	Slow Dying Places	Luomo	8:52
	7	🎧	Sleep Tonight	Luomo	7:37
✓	8	🎧	Gets Along Fine	Chubbs, Luomo	8:09
	9	🎧	Lonely Music Co.	Luomo	5:28

✓ indicates  Track Pick

Releases

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2008	CD	Huume	16