

LUOMO

CONVIVIAL

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If *Convivial* were a dinner party, prolific producer Sasu Ripatti (a.k.a. Vladislav Delay) prepared by setting the china, polishing the silver, and inviting the glitterati. His fourth, fabulous album refines his exacting style while simultaneously breaking the steely micro mold of 2006's *Paper Tigers*. Here, frequent vocalist Johanna Iivanainen gossips in the corner with Cassy, while Robert Owens and Scissor Sisters' Jake Shears toast to the absurdity of human emotion. Sue Cie raps, and the increasingly dramatic Sascha Ring (a.k.a. Apparat) invokes Depeche Mode (on the only track that doesn't sound like a Ripatti creation). Luomo's signature underwater-dub veneer is still there, strengthened by the eccentricities of his glamorous guests. *Rachel Shimp*



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