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### **Best Modern Jazz “Album”**

Yaniv Nachum Quartet - [ynquartet.cjb.net](http://ynquartet.cjb.net)

This European-based quartet has one collection of studio performances and another of live takes at their site. Their music, which “varies from traditional jazz, swing to Middle Eastern with folk music influences involve with odd meters and modern improvisations,” rivals the best among scores of commercial modernistic offerings I've acquired this year. Part of this is no doubt due to the international diversity of the players, who bring all kinds of fresh sounds and ideas while still maintaining exceptional compatibility.