

The Whimsical Moog

Cheerful Electronic Melodies to Put You In A Good Moog

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My entire life has been dedicated to making music, and to making people smile. It's always been an honor for me to compose uplifting music, and that was the goal with creating this album of crazy, silly synthesizer music.

This is my 11th solo album, and I've appeared on over 35 albums by other artists. And here I am now, at age 70 (who would've thought?), still writing and recording happy music. I've been blessed with a God-given gift to compose memorable melodies, and I've really enjoyed writing and recording this album. It actually came together remarkably fast -- only a 3-month process in my studio.

Electronic instruments used on the album include a **Moog modular synthesizer**, designed by Roger Arrick, the very rare antique French tube synthesizer **The Ondioline**, and the even rarer **Martoline**, (which I invented, so there is actually only ONE in existence.)

One of the tunes "Frantic Ringer" was composed way back in 2007, with my sadly departed friend and collaborator **Jean-Jacques Perrey**. I had been a fan of his when I was a teenager, and was completely charmed by his music. Amazingly, we later became best friends, and recorded two albums of happy electronic music together. We also performed concerts as a duo in the USA, Canada and Europe.

Before he died, JJ told me that he was "passing the torch" on to me, and that's exactly what I had in mind as I recorded this album. I didn't want to COPY JJ's style, but rather put my own spin on the music that he had inspired in me.



Another tune, "Argyle Socks" was written by my boyhood friend Pat Farley. It was Pat who first discovered Jean-Jacques's music, and turned me on to it when we were 16 years old (1971). So it all comes full circle to include tunes written by both Jean-Jacques and Pat.

I hope that you get a kick out this album, and that it brings you a few moments of happiness.

In this crazy, angry world, where almost everything on the news is negative, we need at least a few moments of happiness, don't you think?

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Guest artist Daniel Kitzig played the Ondioline on one tune, "Plutonian Sitcom TV Theme".