

Orchid-Star

A hand with intricate tattoos holds a lily-like flower over a bowl of water. The scene is set against a dark blue background with a grid pattern and floating particles. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the textures of the hand, the flower, and the water.

FASTER REIMAGINED

REMIXES BY
SQUAZOID
TRANCIENT DREAMS
MOAI SYSTEM
& ORCHID-STAR

Remixes of Orchid-Star's second album 'Faster', originally released in 2011

This was something of an accidental album which came together when we realized in August 2020 that we had somehow over the years accumulated remixes or alternative versions of 8 out of 10 tracks from the album, either finished or finishable, mostly from within the band, plus one from good friends Trancient Dreams, and suddenly an album was on! We invited two of our favourite outfits - Squazoid (who had previously remixed 'Wildflower') and Moai System to complete the collection.



1. Brighter (Slow Version)

A slower version of one of our favourite tracks which we made in 2005 and performed live a couple of times but put aside as we never wanted to drop the fast version from our sets! Finally finished in 2020
Written and Produced by Pete Ardron

2. Shouty One (Sean Spindrifft Remix)

One of two dance mixes produced in 2013 by our percussionist Sean (DJ) Spindrifft
Produced by Sean Spindrifft. Written by Pete Ardron

3. A Better Ride (Squazoid Remix)

An awesome psychedelic, half-tempo reboot done for this album in 2020
Produced by Jeremy Bringué and Cédric Champalou. Written by Pete Ardron and Samantha Drennan

4. Surya (DnB Mix)

The original version on Faster has lead vocals by Nalini, who co-wrote it with us and gave it its first performance. As probably the song most consistently in our set over the years it's nice to finally have a version out there with Myo singing lead (as she has at every gig since!)
Started in 2012, finished 2020
Produced by Pete Ardron. Written by Pete Ardron, Nalini and Myo Tocko-Salvetti

5. Puja (Trancient Dreams Remix)

A beautiful radical reinterpretation of this track from 2012
Produced by Marve Hall-Davis & Spira Saxe. Written by Pete Ardron and Samantha Drennan

6. Lotus Bloom (Pete Ardron & SandRa Remix)

A remix from 2013 which leaves off the lyric vocals sung by Samantha and Myo and focuses instead on SandRa's karnatic vocals
Produced by Pete Ardron and SandRa. Written by Pete Ardron, SandRa, Sean Spindrifft and Jon Bongly

7. Barefoot (Sean Spindrifft Remix)

The second dance mix from 2013 by Orchid-Star's Sean Spindrifft
Produced by Sean Spindrifft. Written by Pete Ardron and Myo Tocko-Salvetti

8. Prchla (Moai System Remix)

A lovely dubby, cinematic remix done for this album in 2020
Produced by Day Tuner and Maureen Evans-Hansen. Written by Pete Ardron, Pierre Luigi, Samantha Drennan and Jon Bongly

9. Orchid-Ska (Gig Version)

Not so much a remix as an alternative version. The year after the original release we changed the arrangement to make it a little more bouncy at the end and that's how we've always played it live since. We re-recorded the brass in 2014 with new member Karl adding trombone and sax to Sarah's trumpet and produced this mix.
Produced by Pete Ardron. Written by Pierre Luigi, Pete Ardron and Samantha Drennan

10. Dans La (Inny's Thankyou Mix)

When we did a crowdfunder for our third album 'Merge' our very good friend Injana was one of the biggest contributors, earning her a remix of her favourite track! Produced in 2020.
Produced by Pete Ardron. Written by Myo Tocko-Salvetti and Pete Ardron

Myo - vocals
Samanta Ray - vocals
Pierre Luigi - guitar and bass
Pete Ardron - keyboards, programming and vocal sounds
SandRa - vocals
Becky Dell - marimba and backing vocals
Kait Farbon - violin
Jon Bongly - percussion
Sean Spindrift - percussion
Karl Walinets - trombone and sax
Sarah Edwards - trumpet

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