

# Artist Brief: Michelle Pollace

After a decade-long hiatus from recording, award-winning composer and multi-instrumentalist Michelle Pollace is back. Her new EP, *I'm Just Happy to Be Here*, blends jazz sensibility, Latin and Brazilian rhythms, and electronic elements. The 4-song work not only marks her return to releasing original music after needing to focus on her son's educational needs, it also marks a shift in her evolving sound.

Michelle's musical journey spans decades and includes such diverse projects as a Lou Harrison's renown Gamelan Si Betty (Gamelan/modern classical orchestra) and a collaboration with Abel Zarate (former Malo guitarist and cowriter of the hit "Suavecito") to release *Soul Redemption* in 2005 as the world-fusion Latin jazz group Zarate Pollace Project. She is most known as composer and leader of her small-combo Latin Jazz band and her widely acclaimed 2013 album *New Beginning*. Michelle was awarded a composer's grant by San Jose Jazz in 2023, and the composition she created, "Alone Together," appears on her new EP *I'm Just Happy to Be Here*, an electronic music affair that veers into future jazz, broken beat, and house territory.

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