

# KASSIN



Artist: Kassin Cat: LBOP089  
Title: Relax Release date: 05.11.2018

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#### Tracklist:

1. COMPRIMIDOS DEMAIS (*OVERPRICED PILLS*)
2. RELAX
3. ESTRICNINA (*STRYCHNINE*)
4. MOMENTO DE CLAREZA (*MOMENT OF CLARITY*)
5. O ANESTESISTA (*THE ANESTHESIS*)
6. SUA SUGESTÃO (*YOUR SUGGESTION*)
7. A PAISAGEM MORTA (*THE DEAD LANDSCAPE*)
8. DIGERIDO (*DIGESTED*)
9. SERIA O DONUT? (*IS A DONUT?*)
10. ENQUANTO DESABA O MUNDO (*WHILE THE WORLD IS FALLING*)
11. AS COISAS QUE NÓS NÃO FIZEMOS (*THE THINGS WE DID NOT DO*)

One of the leading producers and instrumentalists in Brazilian music, Alexandre Kassin has produced roughly 100 records for singers, including Marisa Monte and Bebel Gilberto, recorded with Sean O'Hagan (Stereolab, High Llamas) and made a full album based on Nintendo Game Boy sounds. He has played bass for Caetano Veloso's live shows and conceptualized the Orchestra Imperial band.

His new album, *Relax*, is rooted in dreams and surrealism, yet grounded enough to reach listeners where they are. Across 11 tracks, Kassin flirts with Latin rhythms, Brazilian pop, and straight-ahead soul, using this varied stylistic array to tell imagined tales of death, drug usage, politics and fate. There's a dichotomy to *Relax*, with Kassin's arrangements often feeling bright and danceable, yet with incredibly sullen themes. It's a record that speaks directly to the yin and yang of everyday life, and the uncertainty that comes with simply existing.

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# DOMENICO LANCELLOTTI



## THE GOOD IS A BIG GOD

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1. voltar-se (*turn back*)
2. a alma do vento (*the soul of the wind*)
3. the god is a big god (*feat. Nina Miranda*)
4. tudo ao redor (*everything around feat. Moreno Veloso*)
5. asas (*wings*)
6. árvores (*trees*)
7. aracne (*arachne*)
8. pare de correr (*Stop Running feat. Pedro Sá*)
9. serra dos órgãos
10. shanti luz (*peace light*)
11. Insatiable (*insatiable feat. Nina Miranda*)
12. dama da noite (*lady of the night*)
13. logo (*feat. Sean O'Hagan*)
14. terra (*earth*)

*The Good Is A Big God*, by singer, composer and multi-instrumentalist Domenico Lancellotti, features contributions from Nina Miranda, Moreno Veloso, Pedro Sá and Sean O'Hagan. Son of composer Ivor Lancellotti, Domenico has collaborated with various MPB (Música Popular Brasileira) names such as Adriana Calcanho, Marcos Valle, Caetano Veloso and Fernanda Abreu, and also participates in several projects such as Orchestra Imperial, the +2's (with Moreno Veloso and Kassin) and Ritmistas.

A collection of reflective samba partially inspired by a trip taken to a Brazilian national park called The Serra dos Órgãos, *The Good Is A Big God* first began to take shape when Domenico was asked to take part in an artistic collaboration in the city of London during the 2012 Summer Olympics. There, he reunited with Sean O'Hagan after previously meeting during a show that paid homage to Tropicália. Before he took off for London, Domenico sent O'Hagan a few musical sketches he'd done on guitar; by the time the Brazilian made it to the U.K., O'Hagan had string arrangements to accompany Domenico's music. Domenico added lyrics to some of these songs once he returned to Brazil and with help from friend and label mate Kassin, and additional assistance from O'Hagan, the record was finished. One can hear a sense of isolation and oneness with nature when listening to *The Good Is A Big God*. It's the type of art that arrives in a calming stream of thought and is a much-needed respite from the rigors of everyday life.

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