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New release from Paul Potyen -- Dark Vista

All but one of these tracks was recorded at the Music Annex in the SF Bay Area in 1979, and for various reasons, never released. Last year I rediscovered some lyrics to a song I wrote in 1992, called "Gaia." The message of the lyrics seemed especially appropriate for our current world situation, and so I recorded this track in April 2009 in the Bay Area with some dear friends--vocalist Madeline Eastman and guitarist Jeff Buenz. I was so pleased with the result that I decided to include it as part of this compilation of original jazz compositions in digital form only. It is now available from digital distributors such as iTunes, Rhapsody and MusicNet.

I dedicate this music to departed jazz musicians I have had the good fortune to know and play with, including Bobby Rosenstein (who played drums on the 1979 tracks), Ron Stallings, Smith Dobson, Don Haas, Al Plank, Hal Stein, John Rae, Cal Tjader, Vince Guaraldi, and all the others who have left us, after devoting their lives to this ultimate American musical art form.

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Musicians on this album:

**Madeline Eastman - vocal; Jeff Buenz - guitar; Jon Evans - bass; Steve Erquiaga - guitar;
David Belove - bass; Bobby Rosenstein - drums; Eddie Henderson - trumpet;
Hadley Caliman - bass clarinet; Julian Priestler - trombone; Todd Dickow - tenor;
Dave Frazier- percussion; Glen Cronkhite - percussion**

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