



ASTRO VOYAGER: *Temporal Gravitation*

2006 (CD, 42:42); Musea DR 8436.AR

Style: Space/ambient

Sound: ★★★ Composition: ★★★ Musicianship: ★★★

Performance: ★★★1/2 Total rating: 12 1/2

Astro Voyager is one Philippe Fagnoni, who goes above and beyond (no pun intended) the call of duty for your run-of-the-mill ambient chill-out artist. On *Temporal Gravitation*, he involves himself with both structured composition and melody, creating a work of interest *and* relaxation you'll often come back to.

The notes have room to breathe, the tunes (all 15 of them in the short 43-minute span) have a beginning and an end — gently flowing from one to the next, not unlike that space probe pictured on the CD booklet, making its rounds among stellar orbs.

Synthesizers swoosh and percolate, all very “electronic” but textural enough to give this album depth and dimension. Fagnoni also plays piano for a notable injection of the “human element,” which otherwise is embodied here and there by an anonymous female voice (our computer guide?) ushering the journey, and the rare use of some sampled wordless vocals.

The four-part “Sculptor’s Workshop” suite comes close to symphonic progressive territory, with its building crescendos and percussive accents.

Buckle up, and prepare to blast off! — **John Collinge**

Astro Voyager
temporal gravitation[®]

the adventure has already started
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AstroVoyager uses synthesizers and electronic keyboards to develop music mixing electronic and cosmic tracks with symphonic layers. His second opus, **temporal gravitation[®]**, succeeds in removing any material cares from the listener, inviting him to an exciting spatial and musical trip. A story told in music that each of us has to interpret.

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