

Perpetually rolling, Japanese-American master percussionist Tatsuya Nakatani holds a relentless schedule, road-bound in continuous dedication to his passion. His solo sets thunder with coaxed nuances from his kit, overlaid in staggering bounty. Nakatani is also fearless when it comes to collaboration, and seeks it out adventurously during his extensive tours. In this spirit of combined efforts, Nakatani Gong Orchestra shines a different light in each new location it arises.

Nakatani has been packing his van with gongs and his handmade bows, mallets and surrounding instruments throughout 2011 and 2012. Each stop offers a new set of 5 or 6 players who have a brief technique workshop and practice with Nakatani before performing fresh to a live audience. Encompassing a wide range of different backgrounds and experience, each performance results in vastly different soundscapes. Many of these Nakatani Gong Orchestra rituals have been recorded, highlights from which have been extracted and compiled seamlessly for this LP.

Recorded 2011 and 2012 in Easton PA, Oberlin OH, Philadelphia PA, Kansas City KS, Richmond VA and Toledo OH, the "Nakatani Gong Orchestra" LP was mastered by James Plotkin, cut direct to metal and pressed on 200g virgin vinyl. An edition of 800, the record is packaged in a hand-numbered Stoughton tip-on jacket wrapped with black paper and printed with metallic ink.



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