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Memories From A Dream

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Blending the aesthetics of Pop and Classical, the debut album of Honest Touch creates a cinematic and emotional musical approach. They call it ‘Tacit Pop’.

Honest Touch is a *project* rather than a traditional *band* formed by **Fofi Maniadaki** and **Samy Elgazzar** and based in Athens, Greece. The project is backed by a five-piece band, the **Amadeus Orchestra** (in some songs the **Philharmonia Bulgarica**), the **Fons Musicalis Choir** and two guest artists, violinist **Vasilis Garoufalidis** and vocalist **Marita Paparizou**. The project plays instrumental music composed and arranged by Samy, with Fofi as piano soloist.

“Our intention is to create instrumental songs that *touch* the listener in a sincere and emotional *tone*” Fofi and Samy write in the liner notes of the project’s debut album, “to be enraptured by images created by the balance of continuous beautiful melodies, ambient harmonies and lush, fluent orchestrations. A sort of *cinematic Pop music* or as we call it *Tacit Pop*.”

Mastering engineer [Vlado Meller](#) (Sony Music Studios) whose credits include albums by Barbara Streisand, Prince, Celine Dion to name but a few, added his sonic expertise to the debut album “**Memories From A Dream**”. In summer 2005, the album was released on [Polytropon Records](#) and distributed by **Universal Music**.

Perfectionists in their own right, during the recording and writing period of the debut album the project was awarded for the quality of their music. In 2002 the song “Luce Lontana” won 1st prize in the instrumental category and 3rd overall in the [NCSA](#) Song Contest.

The music of **Honest Touch** is also concerned with political and social issues with the peak of the album being the ironically titled “And A Time For War...!” From the moving themes of “A Lonely Ride”, “Autumn Tear” to the pianistically intricate passages in “Luce Lontana” and “Memories From A Dream”, the album includes upbeat emotive songs such as “Moments With You”, “Dancing Under the Moon” and “Lay All Your Love On Me” by the legendary Pop group **Abba**.

A producer from [Taxi.com](#), the world’s leading independent A&R company, made the following critique: “the music is top quality as well as the production...” Be sure to visit the official web site to check the music samples before you pickup your copy of “**Memories From A Dream**”. Stay tuned with Honest Touch, *a music that offers a unique sensation*.

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