

The enigmatic, extensively critically acclaimed, soul-stirring artist Julia Biel, a self-taught and award-winning British vocalist, songwriter, piano player and producer with South African and German roots, continues along her highly individualistic path with a brand new (5th) album recorded at Studio Meudon in Paris.

Produced by revered tenor saxophonist/producer Idris Rahman (Ill Considered, Wildflower), who also performs across the 10 original songs, the new record takes the listener from the past through the present and beyond into full cosmic, outernationalist territory, and the sound is steeped in the richness and spontaneity of the jazz idiom. Her so-called 'astral soul', at once joyous, groove-laden and liberated, radiates warmth through universal and poignant song-writing and represents Julia Biel breaking new ground with an album sorely needed in fractured times.

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KEY CAREER HIGHLIGHTS SUMMARISED

- Latest album 'Black and White, Vol.1' (2020) reached the top of the Amazon Jazz chart in France
- Hand-picked by Bob Dylan to open for his Stuttgart JazzOpen gala concert
- 'Wasting Breath', lead single from Julia's self-titled album release (2018) reached the top of the R&B chart in Turkey
- 'Black and White, Vol.1' chosen as an album of the year by key french taste-maker magazine *Télérama*
- A highly respected live act with a decade of international headline touring experience at prestigious jazz festivals, major venues, theatres and jazz clubs all across Europe and beyond
- Key features/collaborations with UK artists such as twice Mercury Prize nominated POLAR BEAR, Ben Watt of Everything But The Girl, remix for cult UK band ILL CONSIDERED
- 4 albums released independently to date with strong media support in France, Germany, and the UK
- Nominated for 'Best Jazz' Award in MOBO Awards 2015 (UK) and 'Rising Star' in BBC Jazz Awards