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Album review

Mix The Vibe: Osunlade

Various artists (King Street Sounds)

Yes, the sound of chirping birds is one of uplifting house music's most clichéd indicators—and yes, the first track on King Street's latest collection, helmed by Yoruba Records rector Osunlade, has a flock of 'em. But stick with it, because while this latest *Mix the Vibe* probably won't convert any metalheads to the soulful-dance-music cause, it easily upholds the strong standards on which the series stakes its claim. The selections resonate with emotion throughout, but it's when Osunlade toughens the beats—as he does when he drops Afefe Iku's tribal "Bodydrummin'?" or Quentin Harris's near-techno remix of Studio Apartment's "Beautiful Sunrise"—that the mix revs up. Hell, even that opening cut, Blaze's spiritually oriented "Shine," is pretty damn hot.—*Bruce Tantum*



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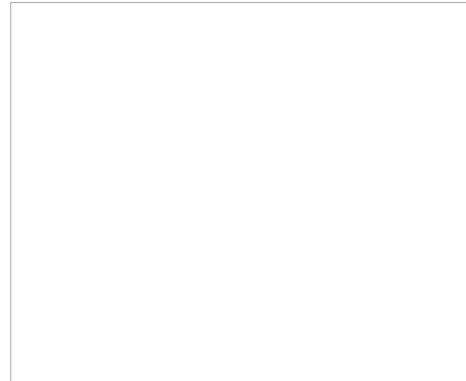
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