

The Lamo Serai Boyz have recorded a truly amazing collection of electronic melodies based on popular songs from Lamotrek, their home island, and from other neighboring islands in Micronesia.

In the indigenous language of Lamotrek the use of the word “*Sera*” in the middle of their band name — *Lamo Serai Boyz* — hints that the music that they are playing is opposite to what the people in the community might expect to hear. In other words they are signaling to the public that their music is contrary to the traditional norm by composing songs with electronic instruments and using popular themes. And yet, listen closely and there are traditional elements which are woven into the song motifs that betoken the joys and challenges of living on a remote Micronesian island.

All the musical recordings were created with state of the art Yamaha DSR 1000 keyboards and professionally mixed with at C-Star Studio in Colonia, Yap, Federated States of Micronesia.

Whenever I listen to this music I am captivated by memories of warm breezy nights and spectral moonlight floating on a tropical pulse of island rhythms. Anyone who has visited Micronesia will be instantly transported back to the islands when they hear this music.

— Eric Metzgar

1. I MISS YOU (ISA LALOMEI)

When I go to your place I always feel lonesome walking around by myself
Because we are apart from each other
And because I cannot see your face.
When I go to your place I always feel lonesome walking around by myself
Because we are apart from each other
And because I cannot see your face.
What can I possibly do during this hard time when we cannot meet?
Please, please, I beg you to come back to me.
Please girl, I miss you.
Please girl, I miss you.

— Repeat —

2. FUN NIGHT (BWONG GAMESAIG)

I'm walking out to look for my friends at the end of the island.
I found them, I played the music, everyone got excited,
And everyone started getting up.
I'm walking out to look for my friends at the end of the island.
I met them, I played the music, everyone got excited
And everyone started getting up.
Let's join together to bring them out of their house!
Let's join together to bring them out of their house!
Three, four and all of them.
When I look and see that they are all there
I pull out my basket, take out a betel nut and fix myself a chew.
Three, four and all of them.
When I look and see that they are all there

I pull out my basket, take out a betel nut and fix myself a chew.
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3. IT'S DIFFICULT FOR ME (YAI WAIRES)

A song about a grandmother's wishes for her grandson.

It's difficult for me to wait for you to listen to my words
Because it won't be long before you are far away.
I want you close so that we can spend these last few days together
But now you are leaving so what am I going to do?
Can't you get off the ship and stay a little longer?
It won't be long before I pass away.
Then it will be your choice where you choose to live.
But even if you decide to be far away from me now,
remember what I have told you.
It's not as if I'm going to be with you all the time
to tell you how to live your life.
I want you close so that we can spend these last few days together
Because it won't be long before I pass away.
Then it will be your choice where you choose to live.
It's not as if I'm going to be with you all the time
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It's not as if I'm going to be with you all the time
to tell you how to live your life.

4. PADDLING OUT (FEFATULWEI)

Paddling slowly out into the lagoon and chanting,
I see some people on the southern reef,
But I won't follow my wish to join them.
It is hard now paddling out against the strong current near the reef,
Now that the sun is beginning to set.
I am approaching that special place for fishing near the southern pass.
I feel the weakness of my arms
So I drift to light a cigarette to clear my mind.
Maybe I'll roll another one because my eyes are tired and I feel exhausted.
The moon is coming up and I'm throwing out my line
With three of my favorite lures from my tackle box.
But I'm not going to push my luck.
I'll take whatever comes my way and give it to my family.

— Repeat —

5. BEAUTIFUL BIRD (BAPALUMA)

Hey Bapaluuuu ... Bapalumaei.
I say hey Bapaluuuu ... Bapalumaei.
Oh down down down down down cha cha!
Oh down down down down down cha cha!
Your turn, only you, and then you and me.
I'm walking but I'm shaking because of your love.
I'm suffering even though you think it's nothing.
I'm walking but I'm shaking because of your love.
I'm suffering even though you think it's nothing.
I'm walking but I'm shaking because of your love.

I'm suffering even though you think it's nothing.
I'm walking but I'm shaking because of your love.
I'm suffering even though you think it's nothing.
Okay, okay, that's it, that's it!
I will continue to try, you beautiful woman ... to prove to you my love.
Okay, okay, that's it, that's it!
I will continue to try, you beautiful woman ... to prove to you my love.
I don't know how to deal with this suffering that you've given me.
I don't know where to start.
I don't know how to deal with this suffering that you've given me.
I don't know where to start.
Hey Bapaluuuu ... Bapalumaei.
I say hey Bapaluuuu ... Bapalumaei.
Oh down down down down down cha cha!
Oh down down down down down cha cha!
Your turn, only you, and then you and me.
I'm angry because I'm still hanging on.
It was not very long before I started hearing from other people about us.
I feel bad but my suffering gives me courage to change everything.
I'm angry because I'm still hanging on.
It was not very long before I started hearing from other people about us.
I feel bad but my suffering gives me courage to change everything.
This is the talk about me from the island.
Now I question where they were born because they should know better.
I cry because I care.
I cry because I care.

6. BLOOMING FLOWERS (YATIL RUPWAKU)

A song about a mother's wishes for her three children.

Three flowers, it's very hard for me to lose them.
So please try harder to be close to me and close to my heart.
Three flowers, it's very hard for me to lose them.
So please try harder to be close to me and close to my heart.
Dear ones, please think about the future.
It doesn't happen by mistake
that you look over this island that we are living on.
I have to try and tell you now,
So you two boys please take care of your sister.
That's your only sister.
She should be the responsibility that drives you.
I have to try and tell you now,
So you two boys please take care of your sister.
That's your only sister.
She should be the responsibility that drives you.
Dear ones, please think about the future.
It doesn't happen by mistake
that you look over this island that we are living on.
The last thing for me to say is that my love for you will never disappear.
Only when I die will I ever forget.
The last thing for me to say is that my love for you will never disappear
Only when I die will I ever forget.
Dear ones, please think about the future.
It doesn't happen by mistake
that you look over this island that we are living on.
Dear ones, please think about the future.

It doesn't happen by mistake
that you look over this island that we are living on,
That you see over this island that we are living on,
That you see over this island that we are living on.

7. TOBACCO TOBACCO (SUPWA SUPWA)

Roll me that tobacco ... roll me, roll me that tobacco.
Roll me that tobacco ... roll me, roll me that tobacco.
Roll me that tobacco ... light me that tobacco.
Roll me that tobacco ... roll me, roll me that tobacco.
Roll me that tobacco ... roll me, roll me that tobacco.
Roll me that tobacco ... light me that tobacco.
Then the craving came of not having enough tobacco ... oou-ouu.
I reached for my tobacco container but it was empty ... oou-ouu.
Because you stole it and gave it to your friends.
Then the craving came of not having enough tobacco ... oou-ouu.
I reached for my tobacco container but it was empty ... oou-ouu.
Because you stole it and gave it to your friends.
Now, open your tobacco container ... now open, open that container!
Now, open your tobacco container ... now open, open that container!
After he opened it he immediately poured the contents out
And threw the container under a plumeria tree.
Now, open your tobacco container ... now open, open that container!
Now, open your tobacco container ... now open, open that container!
After he opened it he immediately poured the contents out
And threw the container under a plumeria tree.
Then the craving came of not having enough tobacco ... oou-ouu.
I reached for my tobacco container but it was empty ... oou-ouu.
Because you stole it and gave it to your friends.

Then the craving came of not having enough tobacco ... oou-ouu.
I reached for my tobacco container but it was empty ... oou-ouu,
Because you stole it and gave it to your friends.
Roll me that tobacco ... roll me, roll me that tobacco.
Roll me that tobacco ... roll me, roll me that tobacco.
Roll me that tobacco ... light me that tobacco.
Roll me that tobacco ... roll me, roll me that tobacco.
Roll me that tobacco ... roll me, roll me that tobacco.
Roll me that tobacco ... light me that tobacco.

8. LORD (SAMOL)

We ask you Oh Lord to pray for us on Earth.
You will be happy, those of you who are afraid of the Lord
Because you will be walking in His path.
You will be rewarded for your work
Because the Lord blesses you.
You will be rewarded for your work
Because the Lord blesses you.
Your wife will look like a tree bearing fruit outside your house
And your children will be like the fruits that we use to nourish our bodies.
You will be rewarded for your work because the Lord blesses you.
You will be rewarded for your work because the Lord blesses you.
You will purify your body like the Lord did with the people of Mount Zion
So that they could see the beauty of Jerusalem.
You will be rewarded for your work
Because the Lord blesses you.
You will be rewarded for your work
Because the Lord blesses you.

9. NOT TRUE (MISI MISI)

Everytime brother you speak falsehoods,
Give me your word,
We don't know what to follow, honored sir of untrue words.
Everytime brother, you speak falsehoods.
Give me your word.
We don't know what to follow, honored sir of untrue words.
The gentle northern wind, it circulates around the world.
That's like you my brother.
So honorable sir please get rid of your deceitful ways.
The gentle northern wind, it circulates around the world.
That's like you my brother.
So honorable sir please get rid of your deceitful ways.
Honorable sir, my brother.
I don't know who you are by your actions.
You told me that you are my uncle but I know you are my younger brother.
Honorable sir, my brother.
I don't know who you are by your actions.
You told me that you are my uncle but I know you are my younger brother.

— Repeat —

10. NODDY TERNS (KURUKAK)

Okay, rinse up a pot of rice and put it on the fire,
That will be our food so we won't be hungry.
Find some meat even if it's only four noddy terns.
Okay, rinse up a pot of rice and put it on the fire,
That will be our food so we won't be hungry.

Find some meat even if it is only four noddy terns.
Strip the coconut frond of leaves so we can barbecue those birds.
So we can start chewing, chewing.
So we can lick it, lick it ... oou-ouu!
Strip the coconut frond of leaves so we can barbecue those birds.
So we can start chewing, chewing.
So we can lick it, lick it ... oou-ouu!

— Repeat —



As with many other low-lying islands in the Pacific Ocean, Lamotrek is being severely impacted by Climate Change. 100% of all the profits from the sale of this CD will be donated to help the community of Lamotrek purchase food supplies to make up for the loss of their staple food crops of taro, coconut, and breadfruit.

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