**THE MAGIC OF CHRISTAM – ALBUM PRESS RELEASE**

**New York City, USA.** -Internationally acclaimed jazz artist Spiros Exaras is presenting his first ever original holiday EP, The Magic of Christmas, to be released on December 1st, 2021.

Known for his impressive fusion of different musical elements, notably in his Greek- Cuban collaboration with Elio Villafranca, “Old Waters, New River” and in his signature Blue Note album “Phrygianics,” Spiros Exaras unites a stellar team of New York based musicians to share these two world-class pieces.

In the title track, *The Magic of Christmas*, Spiros’ resonant guitar sound meets with Don Braden’s distinctive sax, and Eugene Ruffolo’s smooth vocals to create what sounds like a future Christmas classic.

The idea of this song arose when Spiros’ daughter was studying abroad and was unable to join the family in decorating the Christmas tree. With love and imagination, Spiros and Ileana decided to co-write a song expressing the holiday cheer that magically unites people, no matter the distance.

A jolly journey of two solos is followed by a line in Spiros Exaras’ native language, Greek. “Ding, dong! Christou’genna pantou,’” (Christmas is everywhere), wishing a Merry Christmas from his home to the world. Indeed, The Magic of Christmas knows no borders.

The second track, *Christmas Wish,* is a heartfelt song about lending a hand to children who are less fortunate. It is a wish for a world where holiday joy is not a privilege for the few, but can spread to all people. Amanda Homi’s soulful voice along with Caryl Paisner’s stunning cello interpretation blend with Spiros’ dynamic arrangement to create a song that is both touching and hopeful.

The Magic of Christmas is a joyful sleigh ride, a cheerful stroll through a sparkling city, and gift of heartwarming melodies that once opened, will bring smiles to all its listeners.

*THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS WISH*

*Music by Spiros Exaras Music by Spiros Exaras*

*Lyrics by Spiros Exaras and Ileana Exaras Lyrics by Ileana Exaras*

*Eugene Ruffolo : vocals Amanda Homi : vocals*

*Pablo Vergara : piano, keyboards and organ B3 Pablo Vergara :piano, keyboards*

*Harvie S : acoustic bass Harvie S : acoustic bass*

*David Silliman : drums David Silliman : percussion*

*Don Braden : tenor sax Caryl Paisner ; cello*

*Spiros Exaras : electric and acoustic guitar, bells Spiros Exaras : classical and acoustic guitar*

*Produced and arranged by Spiros Exaras*

*Recorded by Dave Kowalski at Teaneck Sound, Teaneck, NJ*

*Mixed and mastered by Phil Magnotti*

*Cover art by Pau Yaniz Gonzalez*

*Released by Polyglottal Music*

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