



## Lester Jamison

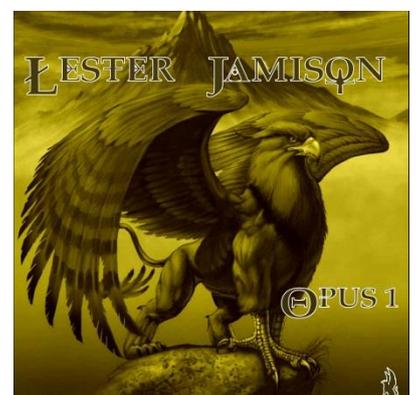
A new rock meeting between Mike Lester and Joniece Jamison.

My first is a singer-guitarist of Italian extraction – the clue is not in the name - who proved himself leading the Boogaloo Band, the Mike Lester Band and Pirates Zone, travelling the roads of France and Europe for over twenty years and producing nine albums, played guitar for Johnny Hallyday, crossed paths with Gérard Manset (who produced 2 of his albums), supported Chuck Berry, performed alongside Rory Gallagher, Moon Martin, The Inmates, The Rubettes, Yannick Noah, Jimmy Cliff and Ben l'Oncle Soul.

My second is an Afro-American singer born in Baltimore, whose track record includes a duo with François Feldman singing "*Joue pas!*" and "*J'ai peur*" (1989), singing backing vocals for Eurythmics at concerts and recordings (hers is the voice on "*Sweet dreams*"), Elton John, Bernard Lavilliers, Mike and The Mechanics, Jean-Jacques Goldman, Johnny Hallyday (Joniece too), Daniel Balavoine, Véronique Samson among others, before returning to gospel (the "*Nuances gospel*" album released in 2004).

My whole is ... an evidence, once you hear them, as they complement each other so well. Born from a musical meeting of minds of two atypical personalities, two authentic artists each with their own past littered with great references, the duo unites two different musical worlds (rock, folk and country for Mike, soul and gospel for Joniece), paths that were bound to meet. The voices complement each other perfectly – one is deep, husky and resolutely rock, the other powerful and soul – attaining perfect harmony. Osmosis guaranteed.

- "Opus 1" album  
(12 tracks)
- Concert in Paris  
March 30th 2018
- Available for  
concerts 2018



# Opus 1: the album and genesis

Recorded and mixed at the Studio des Arches in Chavenay by Fab Mira (in the Yvelines to the West of Paris), the album comprises 12 tracks, written and composed by Mike Lester. After Pirates Zone, he wanted to heighten the vocal and emotional scope of his compositions. It was an obvious choice to invite his friend Joniece to join him.

The project was launched in 2015 – with amazing quality of production – and took one and a half years to complete. The duo is supported by experienced musicians: Bruno Besse (formerly in the Mike Lester Band) on fiery guitar solos, Jean-Charles Guiraud on keyboards and Jo Lacube on drums and Nico Louvel on bass guitar, both from Pirates Zone. A multi-generational group which is among the most effective.

The album was produced by Mike Lester himself, who wanted to keep full and independent control. Released in September 2017, the opus was preceded by the single “**Na-Dené**” (from the name of an Amerindian language) which was accompanied by a video produced by Satine Ozzy. Posted on Facebook last February, it gained 12 thousand views in under two weeks.

A veritable ode to song and rock, **Opus 1** is a rich and well balanced album referring from track to track to classic rock then ballads, to blues soul, then progressive, folk and R’n’B, each with clear influences. We hear echoes of ZZ Top, AC/DC, The Allman Brothers Band, Dire Straits and Led Zeppelin... Mike Lester’s guitar riffs, his talent as a song writer and the mix of the two artists’ tones create an unexpected energy and emotion. “*Two voices complementing each other perfectly which constantly hit home*”, writes Zicazine. An album to listen to without moderation, whose title indicates the hope of a follow-up.

*“There aren’t a million good musicians interpreting authentic rock out there. Opus 1 by Lester Jamison is to be listened to without moderation”.*  
Rock Made In France.

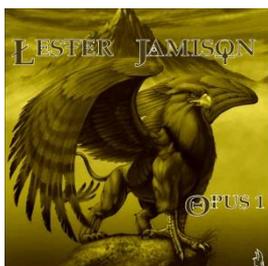
*“The perfect incarnation of rock & soul on an indisputable scale.”*  
Paolo Coccina.

*“Rock and soul creations which cross generations, and a rhythmic emotional talent which defies musical fads and manufactured groups hands down. Basically it’s good solid music we love to listen to (...). A cocktail of precision and pleasure. Taste Opus 1 and you will keep coming back for more!”*  
J-P. Goron, Canal +

*“We are offered sumptuous vocal harmonies throughout the 12 tracks, all composed by Mike Lester, on this Opus 1 album which allows us to hope for a second.”* Bassiste.



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Clip *Na-Dené* (May 2017): <https://youtu.be/IYxpJYNxpol>  
Lester & Jamison Live (Oct. 2017): <https://youtu.be/9tAsuYTIWGA>



12-track album available on all main online musical platforms: [Amazon](#), Apple Music, [Deezer](#), [Google Play](#), [Groove Music](#) (Microsoft), iTunes, Spotify, [Tidal](#)...

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