

Album review: Tinariwen - Imidiwan: Companions

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TINARIWEN

Imidiwan: Companions

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These marvellous guitar toting bandits from the Southern Sahara desert take no prisoners with this fourth album, unleashing joyous lick after bad ass African blues riff.

Intitlayaghen sounds like Led Zeppelin spoken in tongues, and despite any "world" or other westernised labels, this is one heck of a rock record. It conjures grooves such as Imazaghen N Adagh with lolloping guitars and vocals echoing with desert soul. If you have been intrigued by African music but never committed, this is the album to clinch the deal in all its barrier-crushing splendour.

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