

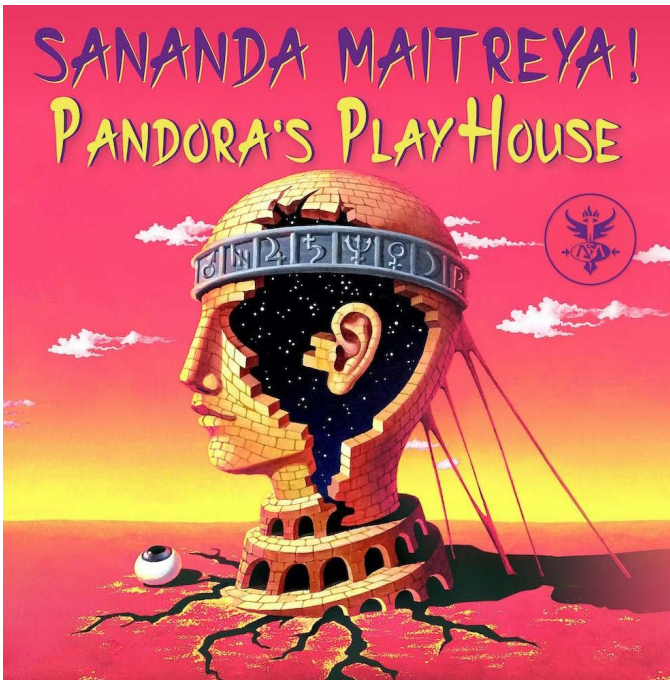


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New Listen: Sananda Maitreya – Reflecting Light



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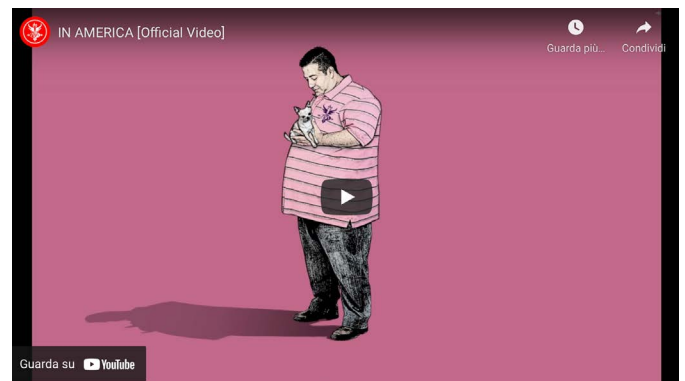
Sananda Maitreya is set to release his 12th studio album on March 15, 2021 – Pandora’s Playhouse. The double album is being released on his own label, TreeHouse Publishing.

Maitreya continues to amaze with his smooth and soulful vocals. There’s something so magical about his voice, it seems to draw the listener in and doesn’t let go.

“Reflecting Light” is one of 28 tracks on “Pandora’s Playhouse”. The song is performed by The Avalanches and also features Vashti Bunyan in addition to Maitreya. Bunyan appears only as a sample from her 1970 track “Glow Worms”. The amazing job that was done all around on this track coming to life should not be understated.

Combining all of these elements was not an easy task but each part plays a huge role in the songs appeal. Being familiar with “Glow Worms”, it really needed a voice with a vocal tone that could not only compliment the song but take it to another level. Maitreya was that voice.

Musically, I was drawn in immediately and felt the chord progression lifted me to an almost imaginative state. As Maitreya begins his vocal – we are treated to several



of his signature vocal runs that feel familiar but just as stunning as the first time I heard them on Introducing the Hardline According to Terence Trent D’Arby or Terence Trent D’Arby’s Symphony or Damn* many years ago.

“Reflecting Light” has been on constant repeat for me and will continue to be one of my go to tracks this spring going into summer.

Sananda Maitreya has also released another single from the album entitled – “In America”. His latest single confronts complex issues facing America; Racism, division, social and economic differences, the ‘Us Versus Them’ attitude... all these subjects are channeled by Sananda’s mighty voice.

I recommend you set aside some alone time with your headphones and give this record a drive. It has the power to take you places. ■

-Tommy Marz