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Rules of Engagement, Vol. 1



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Drimala Records proudly announces the release of, *Rules of Engagement, Vol. 1,* featuring longtime music collaborators and internationally acclaimed artists Dominic Duval and Mark Whitecage.

Rules of Engagement, Vol.1 features longtime collaborators bassist Dominic Duval and alto saxophonist Mark Whitecage in their first duo recording. On this recording, two of the world's leading improvisers are working at the height of their creative energies. The sparseness and intimacy of the duo context provides room for their music to breath with a clarity of purpose and vision rarely heard.

About The Artists

Bassist, **Dominic Duval**, is one of the finest and most prolific bassists on the contemporary scene, having played and recorded with some of the greatest names in jazz and new music. Duval's recent tenure with pianist Cecil Taylor's trio has cemented his reputation as one of free jazz's important figures. He combines the strings of classical music with provocative improvisatory compositions to produce what *Jazziz* describes as "moments of intense lyrical beauty and harmonic progressions of stunning intricacy." He is an inventive artist and his use of his effects board is both subtle and persuasive. Known for creating sonically ravishing ideas, Duval is a bass innovator of international acclaim.

Long considered a musician's musician, **Mark Whitecage** has performed and recorded with a wide range of artists including Eric Dolphy, Anthony Braxton, Paul Motian, Jeanne Lee and Dave Douglas, in a career spanning four decades. His music reflects an approach to jazz composition and improvisation popular in the vibrant New York loft scene of the late 1960s and early 1970s, in which relatively simple written frameworks allow for extended improvisation.

About The Label

Drimala Records was founded in 1998 to focus on improvisational music in all its forms. The label was the first to bypass traditional distribution routes and go directly to the listener via the internet. *Rules of Engagement, Vol. 1* is another in the label's ongoing series, THE ART OF THE DUET. Future releases by Dominic Duval in the series will feature him with Steve Swell and Joe McPhee.

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