

WHAT IN THE WORLD

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Ivo by Ivo Perelman on K2B2 Records is the debut recording by a promising Brazilian saxophonist. The bulk of the seven songs are Brazilian children's melodies. Perelman takes the tunes and bends and twists them into beautiful forms.

He's assisted on most of the tracks by superstar percussionist Airtó and vocalist Flora Purim. The album's liner notes suggest that the charming melodies are eminently hummable. Perhaps the originals are, but after Perelman gets through with them, they bear little resemblance to the original melodies. The result is creative and enchanting.