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## 28. Don Cherry

### Organic Music Theatre

(Blank Forms)

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Captured at the 1972 festival de Jazz de Chateaufallon, Organic Music Theatre is a performance by Don Cherry and an expanded group of musicians and performers, who effectively transported the communal sound of Cherry's home in rural Sweden to a stage in the South of France. In Organic Music Theatre, Cherry leads with his voice rather than trumpet, taking cues from a global song book and the pan-ethnic musical ideas that he would go on to refine. Moving from devotional piano motifs to glossolalia, or from donso ngon (Malian hunter's guitar) to Nana Vasconcelos stunning percussion work, there's a vast sound world at play here that's keenly balanced between spontaneity, composition and spiritual questing. With its open-hearted atmosphere and palpable sense of place and participation, Organic Music Theatre is a recording that actively celebrates live music, and the life affirming connections it offers. – JH