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**PHILIPPE LEMM DRUMS**  
**ANGELO DI LORETO PIANO / JEFF KOCH BASS**  
**+SIMON MOULLIER VIBES (1 & 7) / KEITA OGAWA PERCUSSION (5)**

The Philippe Lemm Trio, one of the most exciting and dynamic jazz groups of the last decade, makes a major statement with their latest release *First Steps*. A follow up to their 2018 OiM debut *City Birds*, *First Steps* demonstrates the trio's unique, dynamic voice that has developed after ten years of stellar creative output and consistent touring. A bittersweet moment for bandleader Lemm, this release celebrates the life and musicianship of longtime friend and collaborator, pianist **Angelo Di Loreto** who passed away in October of last year. Alongside Lemm's drums and percussion and **Jeff Koch** on bass, Di Loreto's musical voice is woven intrinsically on this poignant ten track collection.

*First Steps* is centered around the bandleader's background in dance. Lemm notes: "Before I played the drums I was a dancer, and in a way, I still feel like the drums are my expression of movement." A reflection on the events of the past year, Lemm says "2020 felt like an uncertain choreography. We had to practice slow-dancing by ourselves and learn to maneuver without reference. It dictated its own movement and made us more aware of our fundamental need for one another and how much we desired our dance partners." Musically, *First Steps* draws inspiration from traditional folkloric dances and their rhythms while some songs take inspiration from reflections on life and the events of the past year.

The overall message is to "keep moving, keep flowing, be flexible."

1. **THE KILN** 7:00  
PHILIPPE LEMM
2. **MICA** 5:38  
PHILIPPE LEMM
3. **RIVER** 6:02  
JONI MITCHELL
4. **MALAMBO** 7:19  
ANGELO DI LORETO
5. **AUGUST** 1:13  
BEN TIBERIO
6. **ELYSIAN VOICES** 7:57  
ANGELO DI LORETO
7. **KALIEF** 5:22  
PHILIPPE LEMM
8. **DON'T GIVE UP** 7:16  
PETER GABRIEL
9. **TRENKE TODORKE** 5:47  
BULGARIAN TRADITIONAL
10. **CAFFEINATED SOULS** 6:52  
PHILIPPE LEMM

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