

The best jazz albums of 2015

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1. LUCIANA SOUZA

“Speaking in Tongues” Brazilian-born singer and composer Souza described this project at a recent Regattabar show, with its mix of lyrics and wordless vocals, as being about “language and the absence of language.” Her all-star band — guitarist-vocalist Lionel Loueke, harmonica player Gregoire Maret, bassist Massimo Biolcati, and drummer Kendrick Scott — turns in riveting performances, with an international mix of musical and verbal languages.