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Corea, Clarke, and White - Forever

The 2-disc release [Corea, Clarke & White - Forever](#) is pure rock-jazz pleasure featuring pianist [Chick Corea](#), bassist [Stanley Clarke](#), and drummer [Lenny White](#), along with special guests [Jean-Luc Ponty](#), [Bill Connors](#), and [Chaka Khan](#). This is about as good as it gets!



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Corea, Clarke & White - Forever: Disc 1: *On Green Dolphin Street, Waltz for Debby, Bud Powell, La Canción de Sofía, Windows, Hackensack, No Mystery, Señor Mouse*; **Disc 2:** *Captain Marvel, Señor Mouse, Crescent, Armando's Rhumba, Renaissance, High Wire - The Aerialist, I Loves You Porgy, After the Cosmic Rain, Space Circus, 500 Miles High*

Personnel: Chick Corea - piano and keyboards, Stanley Clarke - electric and acoustic bass, Lenny White - drums, Bonus Disc features special guest artists: former Return to Forever guitarist Bill Connors, Jean-Luc Ponty - violin, Chaka Khan - vocals

Corea, Clarke & White - Forever was produced by **Lenny White**, and co-produced by **Chick Corea** and **Stanley Clarke** on the [Concord Jazz](#) record label, a division of [Concord Music Group](#). The release **Forever** was recorded live during the trio's world tour in 2009, and is their follow-up to the critically acclaimed 2008 United States reunion tour of Corea, Clarke, & White [Return to Forever]. Individually, they have redefined the genre of improvisational rock-jazz, as a trio they are a tour-de-force on **Forever**, which is a 2-disc set of songs from their own songbooks, jams from their 2009 world tour, and covers of classics from Thelonious Monk, Bill Evans, and Miles Davis.

Corea, Clarke & White - Forever released in June 2011, is the perfect commemoration as Chick Corea celebrates his 70th birthday on June 12, 2011, and Stanley celebrates his 60th birthday on June 30, 2011.

The release [Disc 1] opens with the song *On Green Dolphin Street*, a jazz-classic from the 1947 movie Green Dolphin Street. Chick Corea sparkles on the keyboards as he makes the music come alive on this animated track. The second track is *Waltz for Debby* (Bill Evans) that opens with a piano solo by Chick Corea and leads the trio into a lively swing beat. Selecting from Corea's songbook the trio lights into the track *Bud Powell* with a driving beat, and from Stanley Clarke they cover the track *La Canción de Sofía*, a poignant song that shows the mastery of Stanley's bow on the upright bass as he ebbs and flows between the feelings of wonder, enlightenment, and optimism.

Disc 1 also includes the 3 tracks from Chick Corea, *Windows*, an animated melody driven by Chick's piano work and taken home by the tight bass line, *No Mystery*, the title track from one of Return to Forever's most

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memorable releases (1975), a fast paced track that sets off each instrument against their own instrumental emotional interlude, and *SeHor Mouse*, a track with flare and sass, and knitted together by the improvisation mastery of the trio. Rounding out Disc 1 is the trio's playful cover of the **Thelonious Monk** track *Hackensack*.

Disc 2 takes the trio off the road and into the studio with contributions from **Bill Connors**, **Jean-Luc Ponty**, and **Chaka Khan**. The disc opens with just the trio performing Corea's *Captain Marvel*, a fusion of a little bit of this and a little bit of that as the trio bounces off each other with just the right balance of instrumental give and take. Complementing their Disc 1 live version of *SeHor Mouse*, they invited Bill Connors to reprise the original sound with a guitar contribution.

The cover of John Coltrane's *Crescent* is a piano and drum duo, and their rendition is as refreshing and energetic as "Trane's." *Armando's Rhumba* (Corea) features the fiery violin work of **Jean-Luc Ponty** with Corea and Clarke sealing the delivery with passionate harmonies and timely solos. The track *Renaissance* (Ponty) is an improvisational fusion of the masters at work triggered by Ponty's violin and Corea's piano.

Disc 2 also includes the cover of Gershwin's *I Loves you Porgy*, featuring **Chaka Khan** on vocals, Clarke's *After the Cosmic Rain*, featuring Jean-Luc Ponty and Bill Connors, and three tracks from Chick Corea, *High Wire - The Aerialist*, *Space Circus*, and *500 Miles High*.

Corea, Clarke & White - Forever is a smashing two disc rock-jazz release that features a sample from the road, and a sample from the studio, the perfect fusion of style, music, and friends.

Websites where you can procure **Corea, Clarke & White - Forever** are [Amazon](#), [Vintage Vinyl](#), [Audiophile Imports](#), [iTunes](#), and [The Music Shop](#).

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