**ARTIST:** Alpacas Collective **TITLE:** Big Words  
**FORMAT:** LP / CD / Digital **RELEASE DATE:** November 11th 2023 **LABEL:** Catalpas Records **GENRE:** Funk / Afrobeat / Jazz / Global Groove **COMPOSER:** Alpacas Collective  
**CATALOG NUMBER:** CAT002

Belgian 11-piece ensemble **Alpacas Collective** releases second album ***Big Words*,** taking the listener on a journey through afrobeat, deep funk, hindustani raga mixed with psycho-dub and creole rap

A year on from their debut album ***Seven Wisdoms of Plutonia***, global groove collective **Alpacas Collective** once again invite you on an enchanting musical trip for the second collection of **Alpacas** tunes! From of the adventurous spaces of Plutonia, from where **Alpacas Collective** emerged, this gang of fanatic music lovers continue their exploration of new places with new friends on second album ***Big Words***.

***Big Words*** takes the listener on a journey of discovery through a world of afrobeat, deep funk, hindustani raga mixed with psycho-dub and creole rap. Studio magic is once again conjured up by percussionist, composer and producer **Frederik Kühn**, with the creative contributions and improvisations of befriended artists, doing their signature tricks.

Thanks to these new collective collaborations, this record breathes creative freedom and the pure joy of creating together; But it also is a musical form of resistance, against the downgrading of morality and consciousness, against one-sided thinking, against the curtailment of liberty and justice, against the destruction of the environment.

On title track **"Big Words"** the collective pays homage to the late great **Fela Kuti**, with a political afrobeat song, dissing politicians’ hollow speech. While on **"Movéfèzè"** - creole for *villains* - rapper **Nèg Madnick** denounces the rich plantation owners who have poisoned his beautiful Caribbean island Martinique with toxic pesticides.

**"Boyoma"** has an irresistible African funk-groove helped by multi-talented West-African griot **Zouratié Koné** on his sparkling ngoni, and **"What Could I Do"** is propelled by joyful horns, pumping organs and jazzy flutes.

Both **"Bhimpalasi"** and **"Gunkali"** see **Joël** on his bewitching sitar, giving the album a spiritual Indian touch without forgetting the hips, heart and belly. And the mesmerizing **"Surrounded"** sounds like the soundtrack for a musical and cinematographic wandering from the East to the West, the ever expanding journey of **Alpacas Collective**…

**‘Big Words’ (LP/CD/DIGITAL) released on November 11th w2023 on the group’s label Catalpas Records**

**Album credits:**

Recorded, Mixed & Produced  by FREDERIK KÜHN

Mastered by FREDERIK DEJONGH  at JERBOA MASTERING

Design & Illustration by LM Lambrechts

**Alpacas Collective are:**

Stan Hennes  - drums | Frederik Kühn - percussion | Steve Vandervoort - bass | Robby Swiggers - guitar & vocals | Jeroen Ollevier - keys | Alexander Dingens - alto & tenor saxophone | Marc Jans - baritone saxophone &  trombone | Sander Vos - percussion & xylophone | Hans van Scharen - baritone, alto & tenor saxophone | Jérome Swevers - flute, trumpet | Joël Van Roode - sitar

Guest musicians:

Neg Madnick - vocals (Movéfèzè) | Zouratié Koné - ngoni (Boyoma) | Geert Claes - trumpet (What Could I Do) | Alain Louie - vocals (Big Words)

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