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## **Gabriel Urgell Reyes' album *Metaphor of Silence* is Among the Year's Most Exceptional Music Projects Nominated in The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Independent Music Awards in New York City**

**May 10, 2019** – The French-Cuban Pianist, Composer and Producer **Gabriel Urgell Reyes** based in **Versailles, France**, was named by **Music Resource Group (MRG)** today as a Nominee in *The 17<sup>th</sup> annual Independent Music Awards (The IMAs)*, the influential awards program for independent artists and self-releases. Fans and industry panelists in 103 Album, Song, EP, Music Producer, Music Video and Design categories that were culled from thousands of submissions worldwide, nominated innovative indie label projects in all styles and mediums.

Along with **Gabriel Urgell Reyes**, who is also a virtuoso classical pianist, an eclectic mix of work by established artists and emerging talent from around the globe will be honored at The **17<sup>th</sup> IMA ceremony on June 22 in New York City** including: *Marike van Dijk, Masta Ace & Marco Polo, QUOR, Maria Muldaur, Omar Sosa, Ella Vos, Nsimbi, Firkin, Lucy Wainwright Roche, David Chesky, and Lucy Kalantari & The Jazz Cats*.

The album *Metaphor of Silence* by **Gabriel Urgell Reyes** is nominated in the **ALBUM ECLECTIC** category, while **Urgell Reyes** himself and co-producer **Océane Urgell-Drobnik** are nominated in **MUSIC PRODUCER** category for the same album.

The winning projects will be selected by judging panels of top recording artists including: *Tom Waits, Lee Ann Womack, Robert Smith, Boyce Avenue, Martha Wash, Ben Lovett and Todd Rundgren*, among many others; and influential press and talent buyers from the Americas, Europe and Pacific Rim.

### **17th IMA WINNERS ANNOUNCED at Symphony Space Performing Arts Center**

The year's best self-released and indie label projects will be announced **June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019 from the *Symphony Space* stage during The IMAs Indie Konference in New York City**. Now in its third year, the annual conference for Artists, Artivists and Artistpreneurs draws hundreds of top-ranked creatives from around the globe for

awards, performances, workshops and networking events. Honors will be presented in between performances by nominated artists.

**The Independent Music Awards winners will be promoted to millions of music fans via online & broadcast promotions, performance and distribution opportunities.** Details and complete list of Nominees and Judges available at: [IndependentMusicAwards.com](http://IndependentMusicAwards.com)

Answering about what these nominations mean to his career, Gabriel Urgell Reyes said,

*“These nominations in the categories **ALBUM ECLECTIC** and **MUSIC PRODUCER** are already a Prize for my work. This is an accelerator not only in France and the States, but also globally. This is a very important step in my career !”*

### **Artistry. Diversity. Excellence.**

Now in its 18th year, The Independent Music Awards - produced by Music Resource Group - honor the year's most exceptional and artistically daring music projects from self-released and indie label talent from around the globe.

Program winners and nominees are extraordinary artists at every stage of their careers. Previous honorees include *Amy Lee, Killer Mike, Valerie June, Meghan Trainor, Passenger, Jackson Browne, Radio Radio, Nik West* and *JD McPherson* among many others.

Listen and find more information about Gabriel Urgell Reyes' nominated album [\*\*\*Metaphor of Silence\*\*\*](#) and the multidisciplinary project around it.