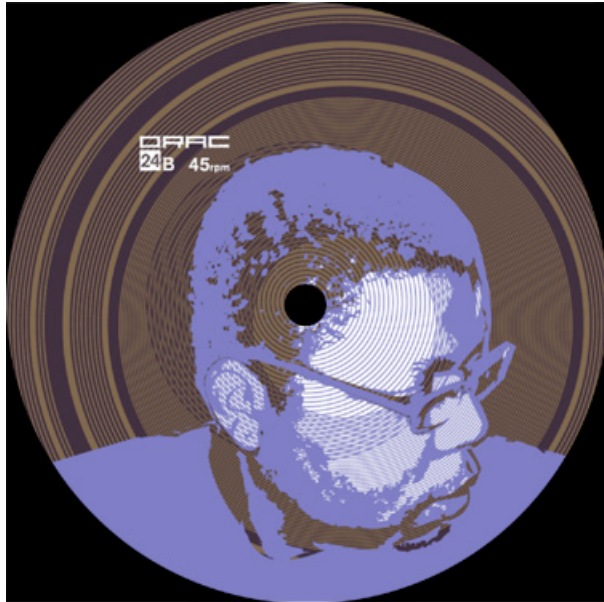


ORAC**24****ARTIST:**
Jon Mcmillion
TITLE:
Back On That Road**FORMAT:** 12" vinyl
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- Jon McMillion's second 12" on Orac.
- Philippe Quenum (Cadenza, Soma, Num) remix.
- A memorable song that's also a great track.

TRACK LISTING:

- A1** Back On That Road
A2 Lands End (Goodbye Trace)
B1 Back On That Road (Quenum remix)

Back On That Road is Jon McMillion's second 12" on Orac, following his debut EP *Inner Floor*. While *Inner Floor*, like the rest of our Black+White series, was about pushing sonic experimentation to the limits that the dancefloor will allow, *Back On That Road* is in that sweet spot between dance track and song that so few records successfully occupy. The ones that manage to, like *Problemes d'Amour*, are the records that never leave the play crate because they are tugging at the head and the heart and the feet all at the same time.

Title track. Beats? Solid and to-the-point, building patiently, somewhere in between Detroit and the Latin techno of Villalobos, Luciano and friends. Synthesized cars whirr by, and the laconically intoned vocal (think *Cosmic Cars*, but brooding) sits just so. Questioning chords and an atonal synth line plant this one firmly in a gray present tense.

Land's End is also both full of new sounds and drawing from the past. McMillion develops the rhythm with a kind of confident detailing that recalls Morgan Geist's older tracks. Muted synth colors wash over and under, and the result sounds totally modern but bears a kind of powerful melancholy shared with the techno we hold most dear.

In his first appearance on Orac, Philippe Quenum, creator of always novel and amazingly funky records on Cadenza, Num, and Soma, remixes the title track. His version of *Back On That Road* trackifies the original, raising the energy, but keeping all of its charm. The vocal turns into a chant, as organic synth plunks and buzzes weave into and build on each other until, OMG we're raving!

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