

# Reviews / Japa

**“Gives me chills every time I hear it...”**

## **“Japa” Reviewed at Ma’s India**

<http://store.mas-india.com/davestringerjapa.html>



A celebrated figure in the yoga community known for his intoxicating chant sessions, Dave Stringer has been chanting since the early 90's and has performed all over the country. JAPA ( a Sanskrit term that refers to the repetition of mantras) was recorded in a series of live studio sessions and features five elongated call-and-response style kirtans. The music is a mix of Eastern and Western instruments, including harmonium, guitar, sarod, saxophone violin, percussion and other sounds. Stringer's voice is rich and expressive, making a nice counterpoint to his backing ensemble, which includes vocalists Toni Childs, Seane Corn and Donna De Lory as well as Girish on percussion, Domic Dean Breaux on flute and many others. A fusion of different sounds and cultural elements, this divine mindtrip is one you won't want to miss.

## **“Japa” Reviewed at CD Baby**

<http://www.cdbaby.com>

### **[5 out of 5 stars] I Love This CD**

Reviewer: David Runk

It's over too soon but this is exactly how I've always wanted to hear Bhajans done. Westernized but very soulful. It reminds me of the chanting circles I used to attend in the hippie days and I mean that as a compliment.

### **[5 out of 5 stars] Fabulous Work!**

Reviewer: Ragani

If you have ever heard Dave live, you're going to love this CD! Full of harmonies, fusion of western, and eastern grooves, and a powerful chorus of talented singers. Great album!

### **[5 out of 5 stars] Dave Stringer's Japa is AMAZING ~\*~**

Reviewer: Lanie Unger

I had been wanting Dave Stringer's cd Japa for quite a time, since I had seen him perform @ Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama (2002). Devakinandana Gopala has to be my favorite song on the album.... The ode to the light shining from your own spirit just gives me chills every time I hear and chant it. Anyone that is curious about chanting should definitely check out JAPA....

### **[5 out of 5 stars] Fantastic CD. The singing and the feeling in the music is truly wonderful. A must.**

Reviewer: Jo

Heard the CD in a yoga class and just had to ask the instructor who it was. Long story short - I love it. The feeling in the music, the instruments and the singing, is truly wonderful. I highly recommend this CD to all. Fantastic!

### **[4 out of 5 stars] I love this CD!**

Reviewer: Myla

I heard Dave and his posse live, and now I am hooked. I bought 3 CDs, and gave 2 away. The fortunate giftees and I share the same 'closer to enlightenment' experiences.

### **[4 out of 5 stars] Absolutely Amazing.**

Reviewer: jan

I have every kirtan and bhajan cd on the market i think. i was surprised at how wonderful this one was. A sleeper marketing wise. When i listen to music i look for soul quality. not quantifiable but its either there or not. Japa definitely has that quality which makes it such a delight to listen to. japa was soooo good, I immediately ordered Stringer's other cd Brink.

### **[5 out of 5 stars] Stringer bridges worlds with soul-jazz-funk compositions.**

Reviewer: Jeffrey Lidke

Japa is the finest chant cd on the market. Stringer has done an exceptional job of combining the live vibe of chanting with the refined sound of a studio production.