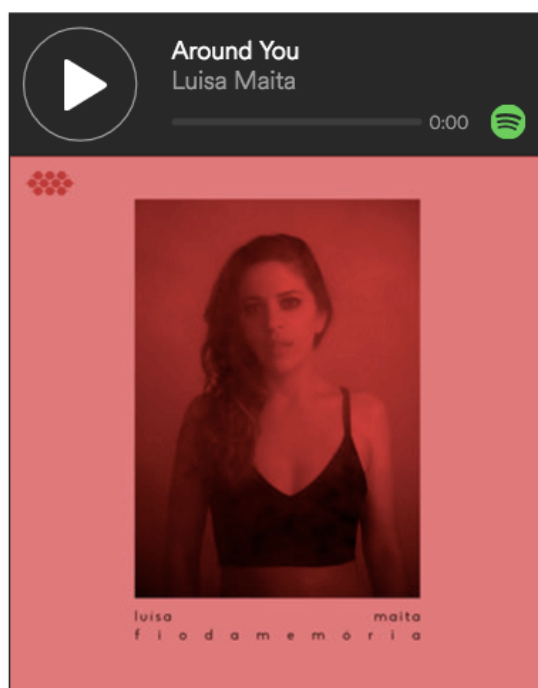


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Luisa Maita, 'Around You'



Ingenious crosscurrents of rhythm inform the Brazilian songwriter Luisa Maita's second album, "Fio da Memória" ("Thread of Memory"). Her voice is airy and nonchalantly assured as it glides through meshes of percussion, programming and syncopated guitars — productions that carry hints of Brazilian tradition into vertiginous electronic spaces. Start, perhaps, with the song in English, "Around You," which has a six-beat Afro-Brazilian rhythm that keeps shifting its accents while Ms. Maita's multiple vocals diverge and reunite. Like the other songs on the album, it's about a state of mind, enveloping and exalted. JON PARELES