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Jacques Schwarz-Bart sizzling return signalled



Ah the scholars among you will already know that Shijin is “an oriental symbol representing the guardians of the four cardinal points. Each guardian is also related to an animal, a season, a colour, an element, a virtue.” It also happens to be a band, a mostly heavily bearded band. And as naturally as night follows day, Shijin being decidedly nocturnal, a record. To be released on 26 October, the issuing label of *Shijin* is www.alter-nativ.fr it has been a while since hugely imaginative saxist Jacques Schwarz-Bart flickered on the radar, and here he is alongside Laurent David, bass guitar; Stéphane Galland, drums; and Malcolm Braff, piano, Rhodes electric piano. You read it here first, *bien sûr*. **Promo background, top. *More reading—[Jazz Racine Haïti \(2014\)](#).***