

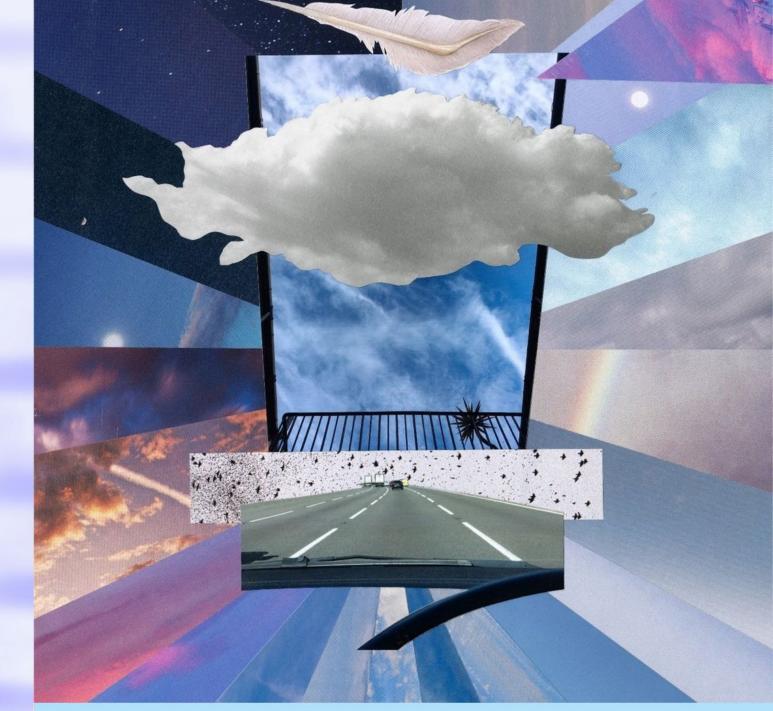






# ANNA WALL





Dream Theory is about music and connecting to our conscious and subconscious mind, exploring sounds across the ambient and experimental spectrum.

The third release on ambient imprint Dream Theory marks label founder Anna Wall's debut album, featuring a collection of music created from 2018 to 2021. It's a contemplative trip through various different ideas, thoughts, and moments via ambient soundscapes reminiscent of times and places and snapshots of memories.

"This is quite a personal, introspective project that I've been working on over the last four years. I found a sense of escapism during the writing process, especially in the last few years, when we were in moments of standstill. 'Missing Moments' is perhaps the most nostalgic piece, written in lockdown when our previous lives felt like a distant memory. Writing music gave me a little sense of hope." Anna Wall

The album explores various production processes, with analogue recordings from synthesizers such as the Roland SH-09 and Oberheim 12, and field recordings from travels to Ibiza and Portugal that provide subtle atmospheres, plus sounds recorded from her local environment such as the Hackney Marshes in London. Featured vocalist Binky is a singer/songwriter and longtime friend of Anna, with the emotive lyrics of 'Alone Tonight' being one of the first pieces they made together. Another collaboration with musician Steve 'Bertie' Burton provides the final touches, recorded after meeting in Hamble through their mutual friend Mat Playford, with improvised compositions played on classic pianos from his collection, such as the Wurlitzer and the Rhodes. Finally, the artwork by Natalia Latyszonek is inspired by the expansive and pensive feel of the album.

Night Swim' is a three-part project that recycles organ and piano recordings left over from the score composed for an upcoming short film ('Eulogise Me' directed by Alex Bateman). It's my first venture into viewing sonic material as living, breathing, and endlessly promising rather than fixed in time. 'At Bay' is a single-take live recording of a performance within Max/MSP.

Maddy Briggs is an electroacoustic composer based in Sydney. A recent graduate of the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, her practice centres upon the digital elaboration and explosion of acoustic instruments, weaved together into highly textural, ambient soundscapes.

Her work, 'exe.cute', was featured in the 2018 Extended Play Festival, and she has been commissioned to write a work for VIVID 2019 by composer-collective Konzertprojekt. She joined Konzertrprojekt in 2020 and was elected Vice President in 2021-22.

# MADDY BRIGGS

During lockdown, her collaborations with the APRA award-nominated HiberNATION festival include a series of solo and collaborative livestreams and an avant-garde Minecraft sound installation. She will be brought on as a curator for their upcoming third season.

In 2022, her piece 'Violet Ends' was selected to feature in New York music collective Verdant Vibes' seventh season and received its world premiere in Portland, Oregon, in April.

She also co-curated Konzertprojekt's 2022 concert series Sound Stories in partnership with the City of Sydney, for which she created an audiovisual collaboration, 'August Underflow', with visual artist Keesha Field. Received the Australian Art Orchestra's 4th Mentorship Program under Tilman Robinson and was awarded a place in the Australian Art Orchestra's 2022 Creative Music Intensive.

In 2023, she delivered pre-concert talks in Sydney and Newcastle for Musica Viva Australia.

She is also an arts writer, contributing various articles to ClassikON, Honi Soit, Fine Music Sydney, Resonate Magazine. She currently works at Limelight as a Staff Writer.

### NIGHT SWIM





# Computer Chemist Chemist

new formulas for electric guitar

I was somewhat surprised by the absence of synthesisers on this latest release from Computerchemist, but it all made sense when reading in the notes that this album is a 100% guitar homage dedicated to Manuel Gottsching.

It's a departure from the format I expect from a Computerchemist album, but it retains strong links with Berlin School and Krautrock via Ash Ra Tempel and, of course, Manuel Gottsching himself.

The album opens with the longest track, "Wavelengths", which sets the scene with rhythmic, echo-laden guitar, creating a rich tapestry in the Ash Ra Tempel style, as promised. The intensity of the track ebbs and flows throughout its 17+ minutes to maintain interest from start to finish. A worthy introduction to what is to come.

"Singularity" is again a very interesting guitar-driven track, but perhaps a little more thoughtful this time, with quieter passages taking the limelight.

"Embers" also treads more gentle ground, with the emphasis more on melodic guitar lead lines rather than on building a strong rhythmic background.

As its title suggests, "Nullspace" is a trip into ambient territory, describing an empty space perfectly with eerie sirens permeating the emptiness to give a frightening portrayal of an alien world.

Meanwhile, "Lullaby (for a dying world)" brings the album to a close with a rhythmic track to lift the spirits... despite the null space title!

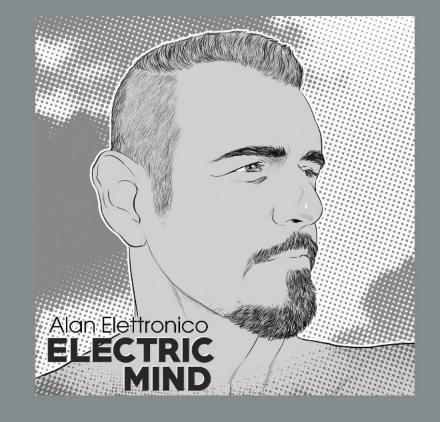
Overall, "New Formulas for Electric Guitar" is a well-thought-out, nicely paced album where the tracks deserve to be played sequentially.

In fact, the whole listening experience grows with repeated plays and forms a great tribute to the work of Manuel Gottsching,

Michael Shipway

100% guitar based long form instrumental tracks loosely influenced in the style of the 70s krautrock pioneer Manuel Gottsching. Space rock without the synths.

2021's Electric Mind took Italian synthesist Alan Elettronico on a space odyssey through the golden years of space disco (1977-1980). Now, in 2023, he expands and concludes the story with this deluxe expanded edition featuring a bonus track and nine reprocessed ambient remixes from Project artists, including Erik Wøllo, Forrest Fang, Deepspace, VEiiLA, Lovespirals and others.

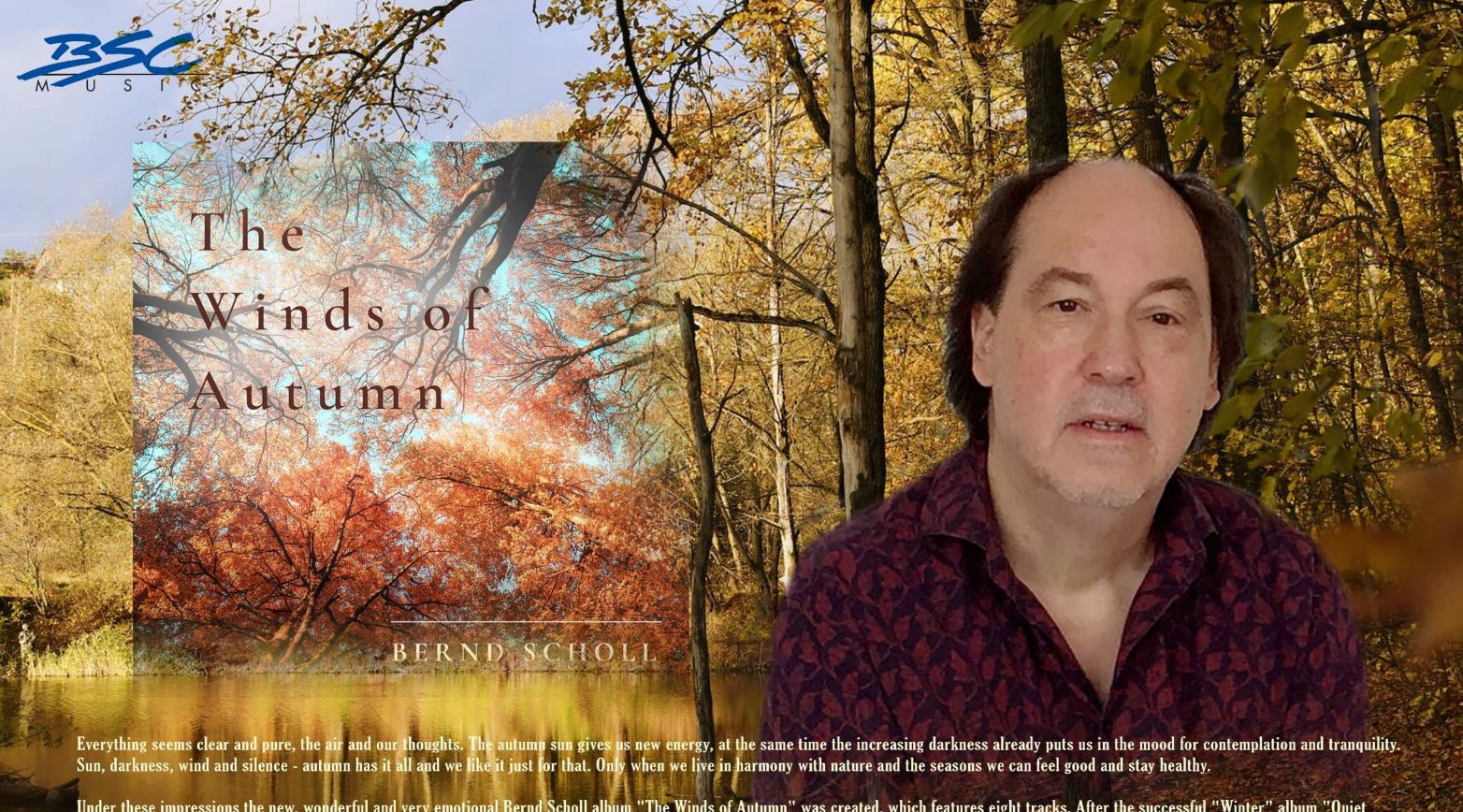


The uptempo catchy melodies of the album's original rhythm-driven tracks found the >REPEAT> button regularly smashed in the Projekt office. Electric Mind's synthetic sound treatment and robotic voices juxtaposed with pop sensibilities made a memorable digital incursion into the analog era. Elettronico used the suggestions of artists like Moroder, Vangelis, and Lipps. Inc to build a pulsing soundtrack to an imaginary android protagonist's life. Now, the original 8-song story is concluded with the bonus track, "Short Circuit." Disc two sees the humanoid character explore a digital afterlife, merging into a collective consciousness with the possibility of a metaphysical connection.

Elettronico reflects, "I found it natural to bend the story to a spiritual/metaphysical scenario because the premise was the birth of conscience. Electronic dance and ambient work really well as embodiments of a mechanical body and a soul, respectively. The final result, when listening to both parts, is exactly as I imagined: the contrast between life and afterlife, matter and spirit. But it's only an apparent contrast as both discs are made of the same core music. This is fantastic!"







Under these impressions the new, wonderful and very emotional Bernd Scholl album "The Winds of Autumn" was created, which features eight tracks. After the successful "Winter" album "Quiet Time" Bernd now dedicates himself musically completely to the autumnal season. After the solstice, the days become shorter and the nights are longer again. So the new album starts with the very versatile title "Solstice" to continue with the title "Harvest Season" guitar-bluesy and novel. The absolute groover is represented by "October Sundance" with its catchy melody lines, before it continues with Gypsy acoustic guitars, melodic and also unexpectedly new again in the next track "Gypsy Soul". In the next composition, the spirit of "Autumn Colours" from the album "The View from here III" (2018) was resumed and finds a successful continuation with "Part II". How fast the wind can turn in autumn, you can experience in the track "Leaves in the Wind" - calm and movement in interplay. After a long time there is a very original and varied long track with "La Grotta Magica" (...inspired by Bernd Scholl's concerts in the natural cave Neandertal). With "Twilight

The new work is something very special, because many new and interesting elements can be discovered and yet the musical signature of Bernd Scholl remains unmistakable!

Evening" the album "The Winds of Autumn" ends in a relaxed way.



M. Cross Dougherty's EP, Cosmic Engine, is an ode to his late father-in-law, Anthony Louis Acampora. Each track colours a sonic landscape, with themes centering on Eastern practices and aesthetics and an autumnal reminder of where creativity and life intertwine.



M. CROSS DOUGHERTY

Multi-instrumentalist and producer M. Cross Dougherty stepped into the vibrant music scene of North Carolina and was quickly signed by Lost Cat Records. With the label, he released two full-length albums, "Shadows in the Light" and "In Dreams," the latter serving as a thematic foray into Neil Gaiman's world of The Sandman. Following these releases, M. Cross Dougherty developed music under Lake Isle's moniker, hearkening to shoegaze and dream pop pioneers The Chameleons and Slowdive. Lake Isle evolved into a five-piece dream-pop outfit known for its robust celestial sound.

COSMIC ENGINE

The band took a hiatus following the EP "Wake Up" and LP "Winter Lights" and a lengthy touring schedule. In the years to follow, M. Cross Dougherty uncovered a passion for FM synthesis, looping techniques, sampling, and analog production and soon developed an arsenal of ambient and drone tracks akin to the stylings of The Boards of Canada, R Beny, Jogging House, Windy & Carl, and Chihei Hatakeyama. M. Cross Dougherty's music is what you would expect to hear in your dreams; it's serene and hopeful, calmingly anthemic, and engagingly present.





### Henrik Mejerkord

Swedish composer Henrik Meierkord's main instrument is the cello, though he incorporates other stringed instruments and effect pedals to create the modern minimalistic ambient pieces within the musical cycle of Zeitreisen (German for "time travel.") The tracks are interwoven with a restrained Scandinavian melodic mixture of baroque, medieval harmonies and neoclassic atmospherics as if pulled from a region that defines sorrow. The mood is long and sacred, understated and graceful, painting an impression of yesteryear to support a bleak folklore filled with life. The tranquillity of the modest aural tapestries forms dream-like compositions, elegant improvisations, and emotionally charged fragments building with gradual change and evolution. These beautiful and mysterious textures conjure up the concept of "time," both modern and archaic. Meierkord's tonal romanticizing of string-fused soundscapes finds emotional stimuli and tension within a deep rootedness to the Swede's melancholic soul.

### **ARTIST BIO:**

Based in Stockholm, Henrik Meierkord's cello is his main instrument, though he also masters viola, double bass, & guitar. Bringing a neoclassical approach to his stringed instruments and effects, he has released nine solo albums and 13 collaborations since 2018. Zeitreisen is Meierkord's first release for Portland's Projekt Records, following his performances on Black Tape For A Blue Girl's The Cleft Serpent (2021) and

ZEITEISEN



Dive into a symphonic industrial symphony that will electrify your senses! I proudly present "Battersea Power Station," an auditory marvel that seamlessly fuses the pulsating beats of industrial, the mesmerizing allure of Berlin School, and the grandeur of symphonic orchestration. Get ready to embark on a sonic journey like no other!

Feel the raw, unbridled energy as relentless industrial drum sounds collide with intricate, mind-bending synthscapes. "Battersea Power Station" takes you on an exhilarating ride through a world of mechanical precision and sonic experimentation.

"Battersea Power Station" is more than an album; it's an auditory adventure waiting to be explored. Whether you're a devoted fan of industrial beats, a seeker of Berlin School's hypnotic embrace, or a lover of symphonic grandeur, this album has something extraordinary to offer.

Roart Merintel

Battersea Power Station is a decommissioned Grade II\* listed coal-fired power station, located on the south bank of the River Thames, in Nine Elms, Battersea, in the London Borough of Wandsworth. It was built by the London Power Company (LPC) to the design of Leonard Pearce, Engineer in Chief to the LPC, and CS Allott & Son Engineers. The architects were J. Theo Halliday and Giles Gilbert Scott. The station is one of the world's largest brick buildings and is notable for its original, Art Deco interior fittings and decor.

The building comprises two power stations, built in two stages, in a single building. Battersea A Power Station was built between 1929 and 1935, and Battersea B Power Station, to its east, between 1931 and 1941, when construction was paused owing to the worsening effects of the Second World War. The building was completed in 1955.

"Battersea B" was built to a design nearly identical to that of "Battersea A", creating the iconic four-chimney structure. "Battersea A" was decommissioned in 1975. In 1980, the whole structure was given Grade II listed status; "Battersea B" was shut three years later in 1983. In 2007, its listed status was upgraded to Grade II\*. The building remained empty until 2014 when it fell into near ruin.

Various plans were made to make use of the building, but none were successful. In 2012, administrators Ernst & Young entered into an exclusivity agreement with Malaysia's S P Setia and Sime Darby to develop the site to include 253 residential units, bars, restaurants, office space (occupied by Apple and No. 18 business members club), shops and entertainment spaces. The plans were approved, and redevelopment commenced a few years later. As of 2021, the building and the overall 42-acre (17 ha) site development are owned by a consortium of Malaysian investors.



# STEVE ORCHARD

Steve Orchard

### Sharing Dreams

'Sharing Dreams' is a beautifully laid back new age music album from Steve Orchard. All the best hallmarks of his musical style can be found here, from drifting electronic sounds to gentle acoustic guitar to soaring string arrangements - this is Steve Orchard at his most melodious and creative best!

Everything moves at a relaxed, unhurried pace. The music is both evolving and involving in equal measure. Pulling you in with an evocative and at times hypnotic feel, the music weaves a magical spell.

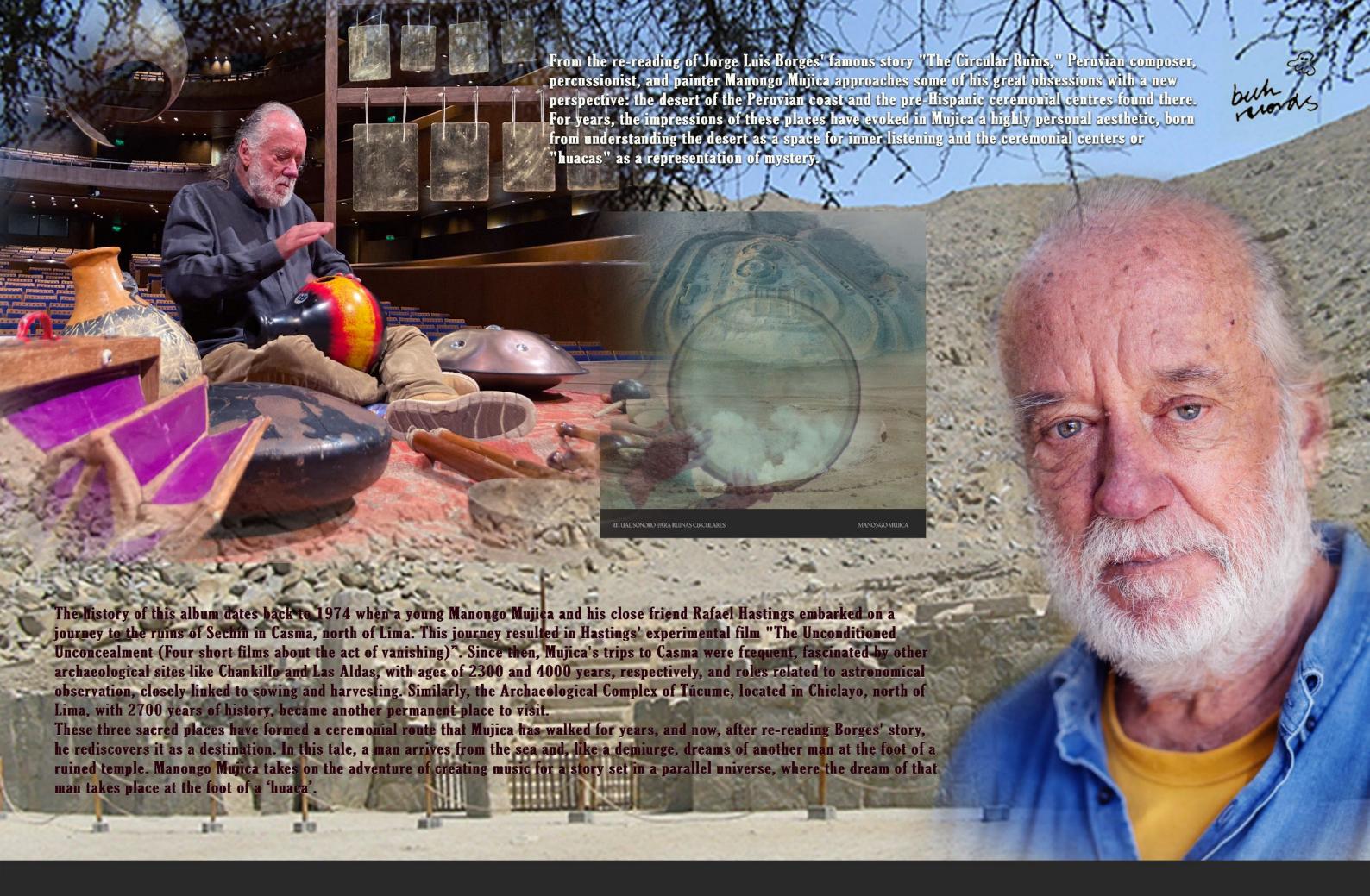
The tracks are varied, atmospheric and drifty, yet always with a positive, uplifting undertow. When thythms do enter the mix, they do so in a chilled and delightfully understated manner.

Steve has always managed to conjure relaxed atmosphere in his music, creating depth and space allowing the listener to share his musical journey.

The twelve tracks on 'Sharing Dreams' are varied, yet they form a cohesive whole, a wonderfully broad canvas. Indeed, it is easy for the listener to lose themselves in Steve's musical world as they paint their own picture on the canvas Steve has created.

A beautiful album!





The silence of the frozen snowy landscape is immersive. Endless caravans of snow-filled cumulus clouds deposited their delicate frozen moisture upon the landscape. Mountains of snow accumulated in the Sierra Nevada mountains and reached record levels during last winter

### The Snows

Nimrod Scott

Nimrod Scott was anspired by receiving constant vivid personal reports doring a season of record snow (a) win the ancient volcano known as Mount Phito. Over hifty feet (2006 meters) of packed ice crystals fell on the mountain. This continuous narrative led to his creating sonic exposures to illuminate the many states of snow. These snow characteristics are catalogued in the language of the Indigenous people of the Arctic. Fascinated by the Inuit lexicon, he strove to illuminate some of their words with musical explications.

The Snows" is Nimrod Scott's fourth album of exploratory electronic music created within the Ambient and Space Music genres. Favouring slowly evolving timbres and textures with occasional tempo, each track presents a different facet of snow as it is experienced by the people who live in the snowy expanse. May these chill timbres prove to deliver just what you need to hear at this moment.

Each of the 1 tracks were captured live in the studio with no overdubs added.

The Snows Nimrod Scott

