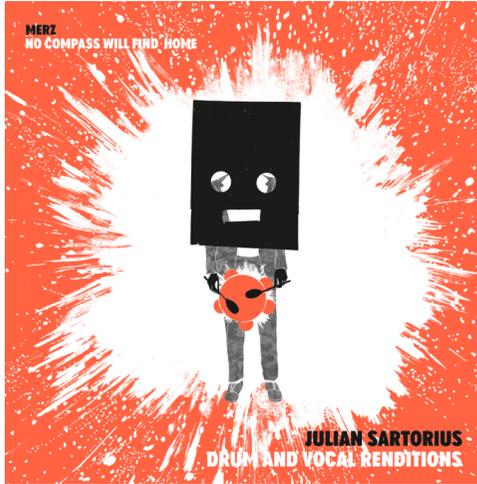


Merz –

No Compass Will Find Home (Julian Sartorius Drum & Vocal Renditions) album



Artist: Merz

Title: No Compass Will Find Home
(Julian Sartorius Drum & Vocal Renditions)

Label: Everestrecords/Accidental

Release Date: 18th November

Format: 12" / Digital Download

Tracklist:

1. The Hunting Owl
2. Judge
3. Lauterbrunnen Miniature 1
4. Goodbye My Chimera
5. Arrows
6. Lauterbrunnen Miniature 2
7. Our Airman Lost
8. Toy
9. Lauterbrunnen Miniature 3
10. No Compass Will Find Home

It was three years ago in Bern, Switzerland, that acclaimed British pop musician Conrad Lambert, known as Merz, met Swiss drummer and sound artist, Julian Sartorius. Sartorius was drafted in as percussionist for Merz's album 'No Compass Will Find Home', "A rewardingly challenging folktronic affair that covers huge thematic and sonic territory" wrote The Sunday Times in their Album of The Week review. An album containing "consistently thoughtful songwriting" according to The Guardian. Lambert's richly detailed and expansive songs have now been reconstructed. At the hands of 32 year-old Julian Sartorius, this re-interpretive album 'Drum & Vocal Renditions' illuminates as well as radicalises 'No Compass Will Find Home', Sartorius applying the same rules and operational methods to Merz's song variations as his epic audio-visual 'Beat Diary'; no electronic effects appear on the ten renditions, overdubs are used but every beat is actually played, every sound is real.

'Drum & Vocal Renditions' is primal and at times unsettling: a variety of percussion instruments sound-out during the album's full-length playing time - from quiet goat bells arising here and there, gongs, an Mbira out of the dark and drill-machine-like toys, all while Lambert's untouched vocal meanderings draw us in like a compass offering the way through the woods. Incidental sound miniatures serving as stabilising elements help guide the listener en route through these previously unexplored soundscapes, making this first collaboration between the two artists' labels (Matthew Herbert's Accidental Records and Everestrecords) into a noteworthy happening.

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