



Echo Beatty – ‘Tidal Motions’ (Icarus Records & Vynilla Vinyl)

(Album release: 28/01/2013 – Single ‘Tidal Motions’: 12/12/2012)

The new Ghent-based label Icarus Records aims to be a platform for music that is undefined by musical borders. Antwerp-based duo Echo Beatty’s debut album ‘Tidal Motions’ is the first release on the label, a cooperation with Vynilla Vinyl. The album will be presented in Antwerp (Friday 18/01/13 - Salle Jeanne) and Ghent (Saturday 19/01/13 - Minardschouwburg).

Echo Beatty

Hailing from Antwerp, Echo Beatty are multi-instrumentalist Jochem Baelus and singer Annelies Van Dinter. It is February 2011, and Echo Beatty is the first-ever band to record an Icarus.fm livesession for Ghent-based radio station Urgent.fm. Consciously and continuously exploring their own musical limits, they use a wide array of homemade instruments, ranging from knitting needles and haircombs to musicboxes, to create their unpredictable and subtle trademark sound. Fragile yet sometimes aggressive. Light in some places, dark in others.

Following the release of their first EP ‘Tiny Organs Of Trust’, and a small tour playing venues in Germany, The Netherlands and the Czech Republic, they temporarily move to Montreal in the spring of 2011 to work on new songs. There they join forces with producer Jeff Mc Murrich, known for prior collaborations with artists as Sandro Perri, Owen Pallett and Tindersticks.

Tidal Motions

Mc Murrich successfully manages to capture Echo Beatty’s characteristic sound, that can be described as electric folk drenched in a subtle ‘Twin Peaks’ atmosphere. ‘Tidal Motions’ is Echo Beatty’s very first full album. The mastering is done by James Plotkin, who previously worked with the likes of Sunn O))), Khanate, Earth and Isis.

Echo Beatty returns to Belgium and opens for Britain’s Still Corners and Finnish singer-songwriter Mirel Wagner. Meanwhile the track ‘Guests’ gets picked up by national radio, featured on shows like Select (Stubru) and on Radio 1. Following fellow Belgian bands such as Kapitan Korsakov and Birds That Change Colour, Echo Beatty’s intimate 8-track session for Spoor 8 was recently released, recorded in an abandoned shipping container (to be viewed here :<http://www.spoor8.com/video/echo-beatty>)

Releaseshows

'Tidal Motions' is officially released in January 2013 on Icarus Records in cooperation with Ghent's Vynilla Vinyl. Vynilla Vinyl is the in-house label of the Vynilla Record Shop, a reference amongst music lovers and widely known for previous vinyl releases by Amatorski, Love Like Birds, The Future Dead and the 'Ruisbestuiving' series. The release is limited to 300 vinyl copies, that come with a special silkscreened cover by Ghent's Smeraldina-Rima.

To mark the release two releaseshows are set in Antwerp (Salle Jeanne, 18/01/2013) and Ghent (Minardschouwburg, 19/01/2013). Support comes from Canadian duo Solar Year from Montreal.

Icarus.fm

Icarus Records is the latest feat of the radioshow and musical platform Icarus, founded by Jeroen De Wandel. Since 2008 Icarus offers a unique blend of ambient, post-rock, kraut, psychedelica and contemporary classical music, each Sundaynight on Ghent's Urgent.fm.

The Icarus.fm livesessions are broadcasted live on a monthly basis, giving artists carte-blanche, followed by an in-depth interview on their work. National and international artists as SX, Liesa Van Der Aa, Jan Swerts, The Kilimanjaro Darkjazz Ensemble (NL), Jozef Van Wissem (NL/USA), Machinefabriek (NL) and Rafael Anton Irisarri (USA) have visited Urgent.fm's studios, guaranteeing a growing collection of unique and exclusive live recordings by now established bands, prior to their breakthrough. (For a complete overview : <http://www.icarus.fm/livesessions.html>)

A more recent addition to the weekly radio show are the Icarus Nights, organised in partnership with Democracy Ghent. Three successful nights have passed now, with live performances by The Catamites (Chris Brokaw of Codeine and Stephen O'Malley of Sunn O))), Rafael Anton Irisarri, Kreng, Nils Frahm and A Winged Victory For The Sullen.

Video 'Tidal Motions'

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RN3QnB7zBY8>

Videoclip eerste single 'Tidal Motions':

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