

Just Leave It All Behind

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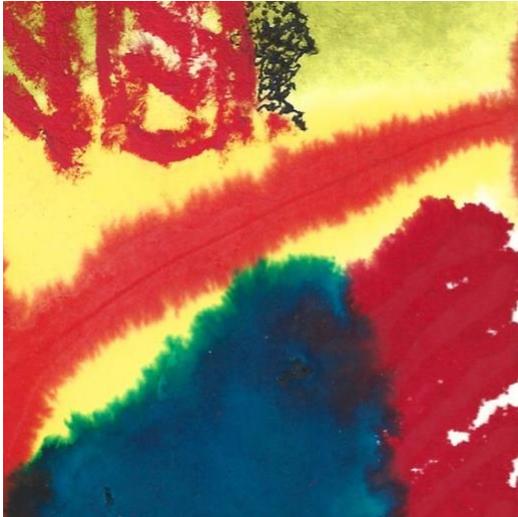
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Three years after their debut recording *In the Wake of Memories*, Wassim Mukdad, David Rothenberg and Volker Lankow went back into Studio Wong, Berlin to reflect musically and spiritually on the power of beauty in a time of war. Wassim Mukdad is an oud master and medical doctor from Syria. An activist, he escaped the Syrian regime where he had been captured and tortured and made his way to Germany where he has a career as a musician. Mukdad was also an important witness in the case against Anwar Raslan, the man who had tortured him. In one of the rare instances of post conflict justice Raslan was sentenced to life in prison. Volker Lankow has worked for many years for Doctors Without Borders. His percussion playing and ambient music is a direct response to all the violence he has seen in Iraq, Afghanistan, and South Sudan. David Rothenberg, known for his live music with birds, whales, and landscapes joins these two courageous human rights workers and musical artists to create timeless music blending the world's traditions. Their improvisations represent a belief that art can help us get beyond the darkest impulses of humanity. More than ever, music is necessary in this time of war.

Wassim Mukdad, oud

David Rothenberg, clarinet and bass clarinet

Volker Lankow, percussion

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Recorded at Studio Wong, Berlin DE in May 2022

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Mastered by Dave Cook at Area 52 Studios, Saugerties NY

Produced by Christopher Nolan, Clermont Music

Video introduction of the project: <https://youtu.be/jWsw5DdSj4E>

Tracklist

1	Winter Sleep	QMPGD2300015	5:37
2	Just leave it all behind	QMPGD2300016	5:15
3	So we will survive	QMPGD2300017	5:19
4	Hiding – Listening	QMPGD2300018	4:12
5	See you on the other side	QMPGD2300019	5:06
6	Wartime March	QMPGD2300020	5:18
7	Into the lurch	QMPGD2300021	6:05
8	Shadow	QMPGD2300022	4:01

Streaming links

Spotify <https://open.spotify.com/album/7kyxUFy0VSOXCI0TZVUIea>

iTunes/Apple <https://itunes.apple.com/album/id/1711491370>

Deezer <https://www.deezer.com/album/498703621>

Soundcloud <https://soundcloud.com/mukdadrothenberglankow/sets/just-leave-it-all-behind>

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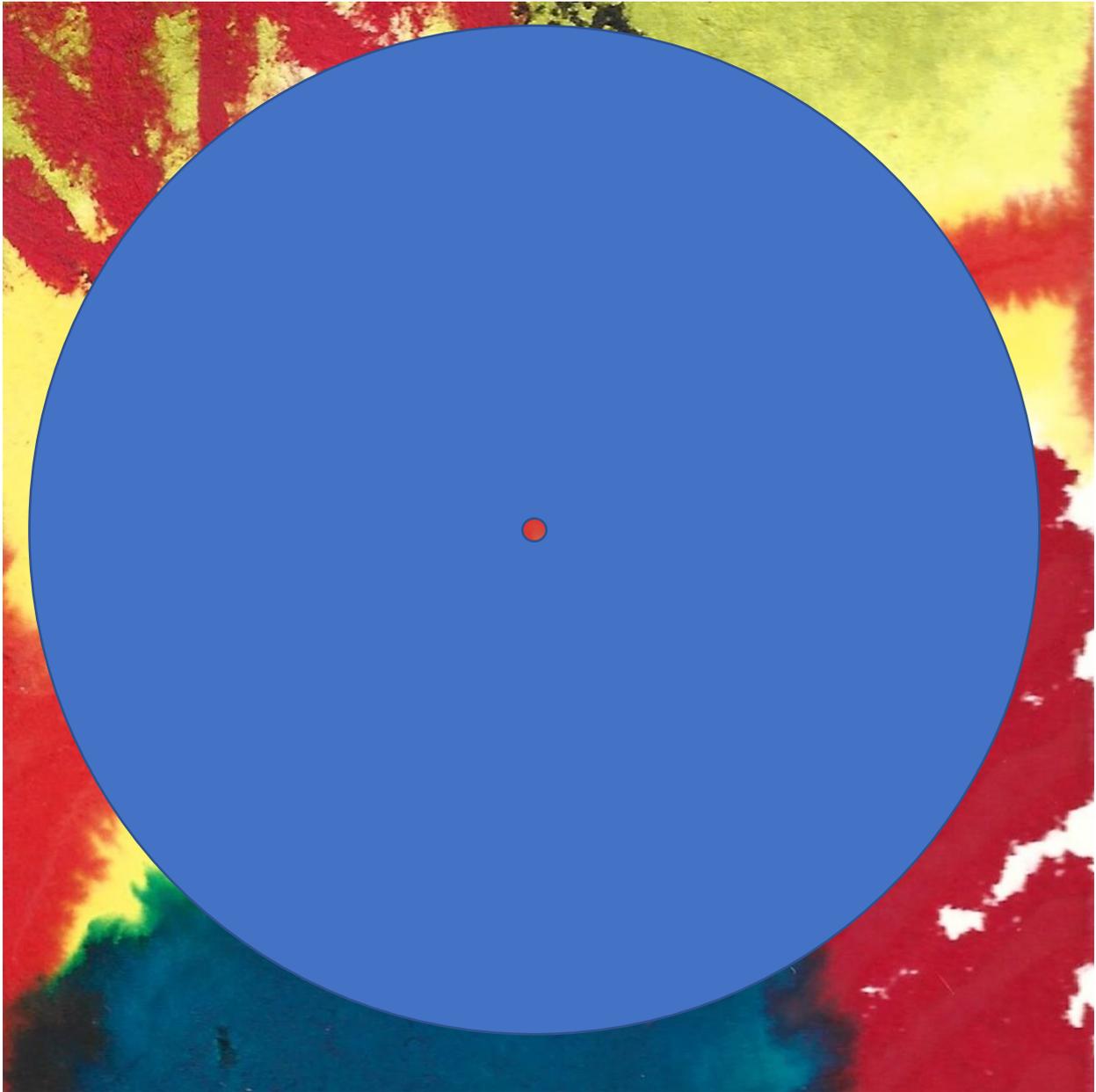


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Promotional message

Three years after their debut recording *In the Wake of Memories*, Wassim Mukdad, David Rothenberg and Volker Lankow went back into Studio Wong, Berlin to reflect musically and spiritually on the power of beauty in a time of war.

Wassim Mukdad, oud master, activist, and medical doctor from Syria, escaped that regime where he had been captured and tortured. He made his way to Germany and he has forged his career as a musician. In one of the rare instances of post-conflict justice, Mukdad was called as a witness against Anwar Raslan, the man who had tortured him. Raslan was sentenced to life in prison.

Volker Lankow has worked for many years for Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders. His percussion playing and ambient music are a direct response to the violence he has witnessed in Iraq, Afghanistan, and South Sudan.

David Rothenberg, known for his live music with birds, whales, and landscapes, joins these two courageous human rights workers and musical artists to create music that fuses the world's traditions.

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