

Echo Us returns with a new album and entirely new approach to its musical journey- seeming to have found a natural path only hinted at by the debut released in 2005. The conceptual album, "The Tide Decides", marries a metaphysical approach to music with fantasy or 'theoretical' story telling - from what seems like an alien universe.

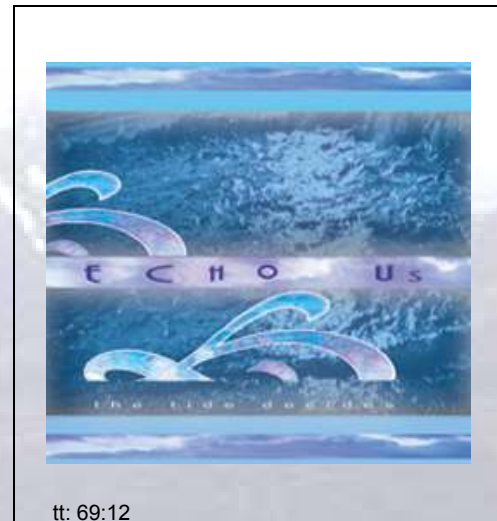
The story might very well be about humanity, but most everyone could apply it personally to a terrestrial life. Birth, traveling through life, and ending up wherever you please- to begin again and ride a new path of consciousness to infinite conclusions.

"When asked in my 3rd grade class where I thought people go when they die I replied- 'They go wherever they want'. I believe now and always have, that we are on a constant search for 'a home' that suits us as individuals and as the collective. Basically, as people seem to choose their life goals and challenges on the terrestrial plane- so do they choose their 'heaven', afterlife or subsequent existence. This is one paramount idea that I have believed in for as long as I can remember, and it didn't come from a book, a psychologist, teacher, or history lesson. It's just spanned from somewhere in me internally". -Ethan

the tide decides-

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1. From Snow To Sea...
2. We Surfaced
3. Trans-Atlantic
4. State Of Expectation
5. The Tide Decides
6. Fantastic Elevation
7. Descending From The Dream
8. Shooting Scenes
9. Out at The Edge Of The World
10. ...And Sea To Sky [Bon Voyage]



Pedal and Lever Harp: Raelyn Olson
Bass: Aaron Bell
Drums: Andrew Greene
Viola: Teri Untalan
All else: Ethan

Synopsis:

The Tide Decides brings forth a life, living as if it moved in tandem and perfectly parallel with the entirety of human existence. From birth through evolution, to perish or reincarnate The Tide Decides concept is of a fantastic nature, and loosely ties to philosophical ideas and ideals of a new (meta) physics, new age, and the falling away of chronological human consciousness.

"The word Freedom is too vague a term" (Aldous Huxley)

Echo Us: New Beginnings-

Echo Us has lifted off on a multi-album journey passing from the yin and yang of a subjective and faux-objective belief-system, towards an omnijjective universe and consciousness. In this sense, it is the aim of Echo Us to become cultureless and void of absolute connections, but at the same time tenuously connected to *-all that is-*



Writing and recording the Album:

The Tide Decides is collection of songs spanning the life-story of one person and the entirety human existence on Earth as if they were happening at the same time and rate-speed. This approach turned the album into a considerable research project in and of itself. It features the playing of a variety of musicians and utilizes a broad range of electronic and more acoustic sounds- creating something otherworldly and human all at once.

Nearly every sound encapsulated in this recording is specifically designed to compliment the sounds around it. This original and tedious approach to music "answers itself" from a unique beginning point of creation to beyond its musical ether. It does not rely on building sounds from already sculpted library and conventional studio techniques- even when compared to the vast array of digital manipulations being used today. Every sound is chosen and sculpted against all the others creating a "circle of sound"- rising from one singular point, which is most often the words and message. In this regard, The Tide Decides is a true sound alchemy, all tailored to fit itself and in a sense- nothing else. [CONTINUED BELOW- PG 2]

The Notebook:

Also available is a small leaflet of poetry to accompany the cd, which follows the story from conception to its final seconds. It is available as an e-book at www.echous.net, and the direct url is: [www.echous.net/The Tide Decides Notebook.html](http://www.echous.net/The_Tide_Decides_Notebook.html)

In closing,

The phrase "Echo Us" implies many things. To its creator, it means simply "to connect"- not only in a human sense, but also on the sub-atomic level where all is connected- *to all that is*.

In essence, the phrase Echo Us states: "to answer", or "to connect".

Echo Us' full EPK for 2009 can be viewed at www.echous.net/EPK.htm

Direct links for webmasters:

Banners and Graphics: http://www.echous.net/EPK_2009_graphics.htm

ALBUM RELEASE BANNER (direct link) :

http://www.echous.net/images/EPK/new_EU_scans/graphics/finals/EchoUsAlbumreleasebanner.gif

