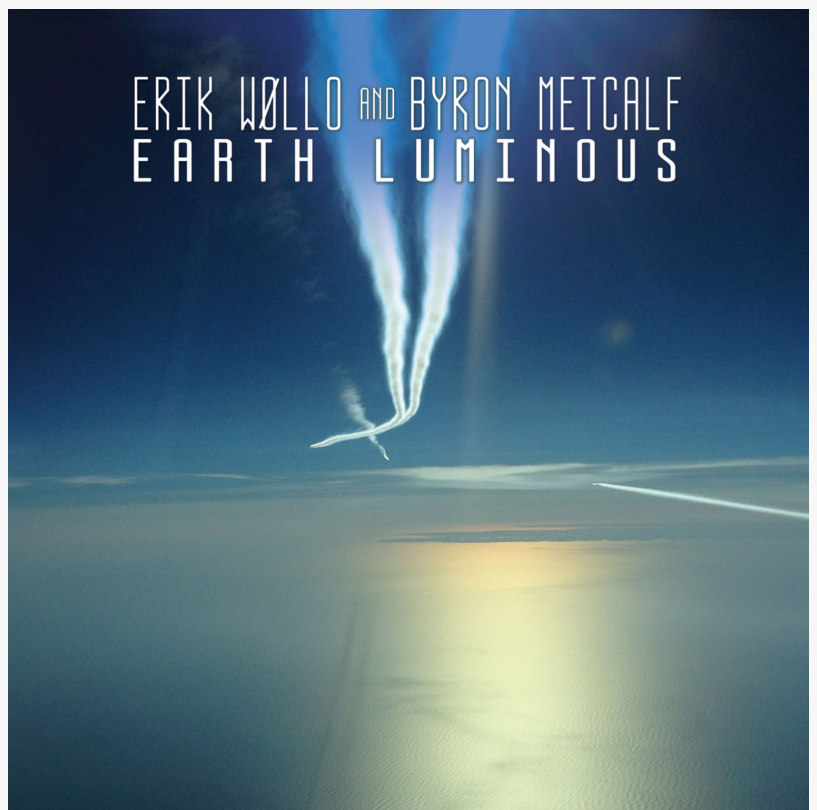


Ambient/Electronic Great Erik Wøllo and Tribal Trance Percussionist Byron Metcalf Earn a ZMR Nod for EARTH LUMINOUS

The 13th Zone Music Reporter Award Winners will be announced live in New Orleans on May 13th; Metcalf will attend alongside a bevy of the duo's contemporaries.

NEW ORLEANS, LA, USA, May 3, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- World renowned new age/[ambient music](#) pioneers and sonic explorers Erik Wøllo and Byron Metcalf are celebrating a Zone Music Reporter (ZMR) nomination in the category of [Best Electronic Album](#) for Earth Luminous (Projekt Records, 2016), their bold and groundbreaking 2016 recording described as “a meeting place where vapor trails and man-made cityscapes merge.” Wøllo also mixed and mastered the album, which is available from Projekt Records as well as the artists’ websites and online music sites.

“Earth Luminous is as distinctly Wøllo as it is distinctly Metcalf,” writes Jon Shanahan, the ambient music expert at Hypnogogue. “What you have here is a meeting of like minds, a fluid convergence of thought and style that creates a deep, no-coming-up-for-air immersive listen...Beautiful work from two true talents.”



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The extraordinary collection of eight tracks, which weaves vibrant, melodic soundscapes with subtle, grounding rhythms, will be competing in the Best Electronic Album category with genre favorites Crystalline Dream (Alchemy), Ken Elkinson (Ambient Holidays Volume 5 – Independence Day Ambient), Marconi Union (Ghost Stations) and Vangelis (Rosetta).

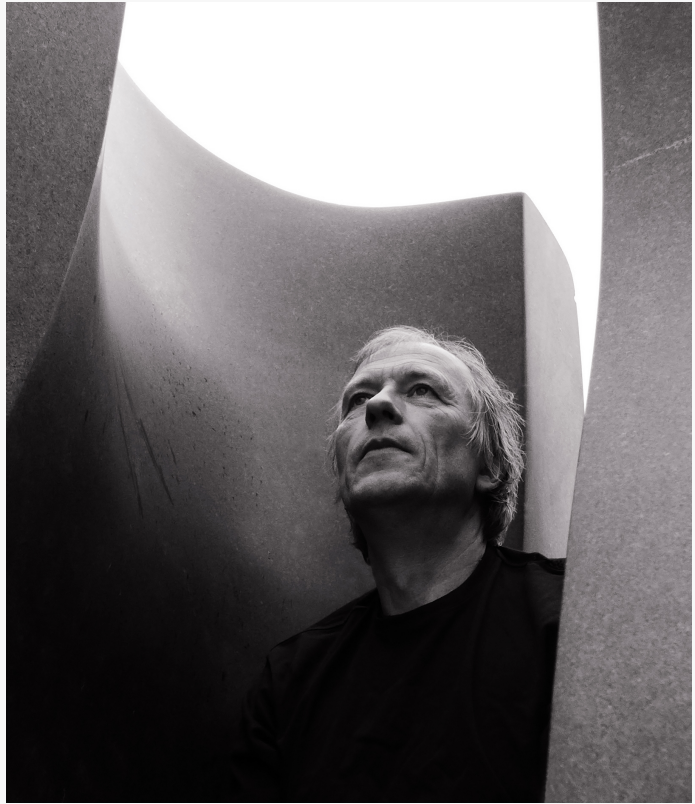
ZoneMusicReporter will host the [ZMR Music Awards](#) and Concert live in New Orleans, LA on May 13, 2017. Winners of over a dozen alternative crossover music categories will be announced between live performances in genres ranging from electronic to solo piano. The event is open to the public, and

will be held at Louis B. Roussel Hall on the campus of Loyola University, 6363 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118; doors open at 7 p.m., showtime is 7:30 p.m. The show is preceded by a Meet-and-Greet on Friday night at The Vacherie; details on the weekend's events, award nominees and presenters can be found at http://www.zonemusicreporter.com/admin/Awards_welcome.asp

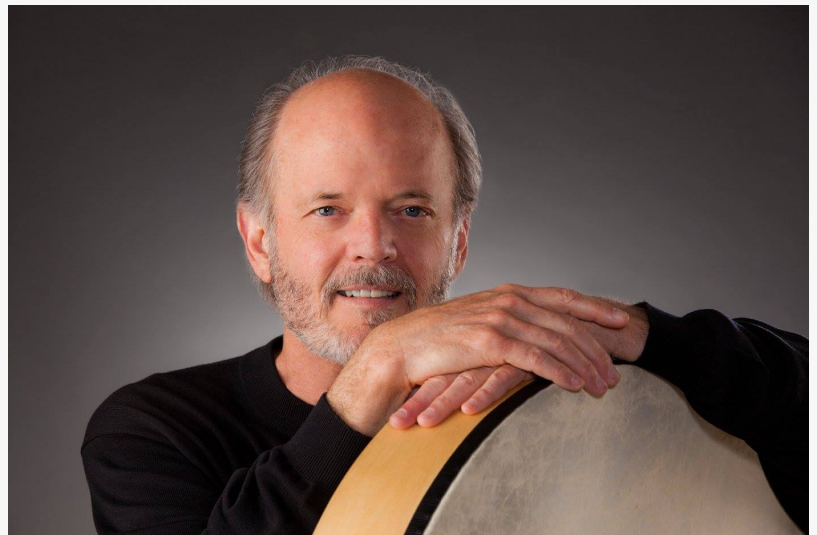
Wøllo says: "My original vision with this project was to combine my ethereal elements with grounded and reality-oriented rhythmic grooves (or patterns) as the basic foundation for the music; a sound flowing freely along with the currents all the time balancing the dark with the light. I have worked with many drummers over the years, but with Byron everything fell into the right place. He's been a professional musician for over five decades and has worked with some of the best players you can imagine. One of his real strengths is his ability to create the absolute right solutions for any melodic or rhythmical texture, making the arrangements complete. I noticed very quickly that he has a certain skill of playing towards and supporting a leading melody – a skill only an experienced drummer can understand."

The duo has additional collaborations in the works, including a 2018 follow up to Metcalf's solo work called Inner Rhythm Meditations (IRM), a set that fulfilled the tribal trance percussionist's goal to create an album of relaxed tempos and slower, easier meditative rhythms and compositions. Seven months after its initial release, IRM has re-entered the One World Music Radio (OWMR) Top 100 chart at #4 for the month of April.

A professional artist since 1980, Norwegian born composer, guitarist and synthesist Erik Wøllo's has released over 40 albums, creating music that can be classified in the genres of space, drone, new age, and electronic music. He uses guitar as the primary instrument in a highly imaginary and emotional music, building a bridge between grand symphonic realms and gentle, minimalistic and serene atmospheres. Possessing a sense of drama and storytelling, his compositions continue to explore and expand upon his 35 years of musical experience. He has been composing and performing music for films, theater, ballets and exhibitions, as well as composing for strings,



Erik Wøllo, composer, guitarist and synthesist; photo by Elisabeth Østenvik



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