

Keyboardist Larry Kutcher To Release Second Album "Vertical Realms"

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ASHEVILLE, NC, USA, February 16, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Larry Kutcher is a pianist, keyboardist, and composer. From New York originally, he now resides in Los Angeles. Influenced by Surrealism, The Beat Poets, The Firesign Theatre, and Frank Zappa, in particular. Larry also developed theatrical and comedic skills. This led him to recording and performing with Zappa alumni, guitarist Steve Vai. You can hear Larry's stream of consciousness performance art piece "Little Pieces Of Seaweed", on Steve Vai's CD "Flex-Able Leftovers".



An aficionado of Prog Rock as well, Larry helped co-write "The Emperor's Clothes" with Alan and Neal Morse of Spock's Beard, for their 2010 CD release of Spock's Beard X.

Larry's extensive musical explorations throughout the years have helped him become very well versed in a variety of genres including classical, jazz, progressive rock, ambient soundscapes, musical theater, and film scores. He is best known for his powerful and intensely personal solo piano work, balancing technical virtuosity with raw emotional expression.

In March of 2023, Larry released his long-awaited debut album for solo piano entitled "Kindred Souls". His follow up album entitled "Vertical Realms" will be released in March of 2024.

Says Larry, "The album title, 'Vertical Realms,' and the music created for it, was inspired by my lifelong odyssey on the Spiritual path and how the fruit of these experiences have so beautifully

informed matters of the heart, mind, and soul for me. My Spiritual walk is the most important thing to me in this life and music is the gift I was given to express it!"

Unlike his first album "Kindred Souls," which was a work for solo piano, this time out stylistically there is a mix of Symphonic Prog, Electronic Prog, lyrical acoustic guitar, solo piano, Jazz/World Music, and an ambient soundscape meditation.

Each piece represents and expresses a particular spiritual exploration and its effect on Larry internally, whether it be



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Native American Shamanism, Zen Buddhism in its various forms, Hinduism particularly represented by the writings of Paramahansa Yogananda, and ultimately Larry's chosen path of Christianity.

Larry explains, "One example would be my piece 'The Shaman's Path.' It was directly inspired by my apprenticeship with a Native American Indian Shaman in the California desert. I was a young man at the time and honored that this 80-year-old Medicine Man would want to teach me his ways. Another example is my piece 'The Narrow Way.' It was inspired by the Grace and teachings of Jesus Christ, of whom I am a follower. Especially in the areas of loss and forgiveness."

Larry wrote, played, recorded, mastered, and produced this album in his recently upgraded home studio.

"My best work happens when I get out of the way of the Creative force, if you will, and allow the music to flow through me instantaneously," says Larry. "Most of the tracks were written in this way, some almost completely realized at the outset."

Album Tracks:

- 1. Once We Loved
- 2. The Sleeper Awakens
- 3. Synth Wind
- 4. Contemplation
- 5. Dawn Beckons
- 6. The Shaman's Path
- 7. The Lotus Garden
- 8. The Harvest

9. The Heart Of Winter 10. The Narrow Way 11. The Last Embrace

Larry Kutcher's "Vertical Realms" is set to be released first on Bandcamp February 23rd. It will then be released on all the major streaming platforms like Apple Music, iTunes, Spotify, Amazon, Pandora, YouTube, etc. on March 1st.

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