

BARTOSZ KRUCZYŃSKI Dreams & Whispers

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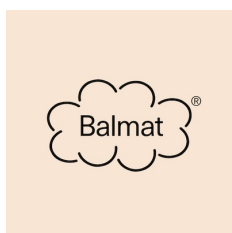
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Territory

NORTH AMERICAN EXCLUSIVE

Genre

FILE UNDER - K - ELECTRONIC



DESCRIPTION

Balmat has always been careful not to call itself an ambient label. But with the 11th release, the label turns its ears – proudly, blissfully – to a strain of ambient at its most timeless. The appropriately titled *Dreams & Whispers* comes from Warsaw's **Bartosz Kruczyński**, who has recorded under a number of guises, **Earth Trax**, as well as his own name. Over the years, he's touched upon deep house, breakbeats, acid, techno, electro, IDM, and more; often, the throughline running through a given album is simply the refusal to remain in any one place for long – well, that, and his unusually nuanced ear for harmony and texture. Those qualities come to the fore on *Dreams & Whispers*, which might be the most focused encapsulation of Kruczyński's atmospheric sensibilities to date. Across 14 stripped-down tracks for shimmer and pulse, Kruczyński evokes overlapping styles in ambient – warm vibraphones, taut arps, massing strings, lonesome delay chains – but always with his own twist. Fitting the album's title, the album is loosely divided into two distinct moods: The A-side, "Dreams," is charged with subtle movement, rhythms spreading out like rings around skipped stones, while the B-side, "Whispers," plunges into a zone of shadows and hush. The two complementary moods flow into one another like the faces of a Moebius strip, yielding an album that's intuitively shaped and rich in emotion. Balmat is a label with a cloudy outline. Jointly shepherded by **Albert Salinas** and **Philip Sherburne**, two friends living in Cardedeu, Catalonia, and on the Balearic island of Menorca, Balmat grew out of Lapsus Radio, a weekly show born almost ten years ago. Balmat's mission is simple: to foster new ideas, expand upon personal obsessions, and put enveloping sounds out into the world.

TRACKLISTING

- A1. Dream I
- A2. Dream II
- A3. Dream III
- A4. Dream IV
- A5. Dream V
- A6. Dream VI
- A7. Dream VII
- B1. Whisper I
- B2. Whisper II
- B3. Whisper III
- B4. Whisper IV
- B5. Whisper V
- B6. Whisper VI
- B7. Whisper VII

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