



CHURCH ANDREWS & MATT DAVIES Yucca

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DESCRIPTION

Church Andrews and **Matt Davies** weave intricate patterns from Fibonacci sequences on new mini-album, *Yucca*. Producer and composer Church Andrews (aka **Kirk Barley**) and drummer Matt Davies return to explore the outer limits of rhythm on a six-track suite that is at once angular and fluid, natural and systematic. Drawn to the restrictions of working solely with one synth and live drums, the pair found creativity in limitation, developing a compositional dialogue between the sonic timbres of Kirk's productions and Matt's percussive practice. Evoking the primitive yet complex form of the plant from which it takes its name, *Yucca* features tracks that are built around rhythmic ratios of the Fibonacci sequence. Mirroring spiral patterns exhibited in nature, each track evolves like a cellular structure of its own, from the livewire syntax of "Chirp" and the deconstructed ebb and flow of "Ferns," to the mini-album's title track, where crisp grooves flit between modulated electronics like fireflies. "I've always been inspired by music that is complex without sounding complex," Matt explains. He maintains a sense of bounce amid the intricate phrasing and cites drummers **Roy Haynes** and his grandson **Marcus Gilmore** as inspirations, alongside sabar drummers from Senegal and Mridangam drumming of South India. With a shared background in hip-hop and the swung beats of **J Dilla** and **Flying Lotus**, Kirk Barley and Matt Davies were also inspired by the minimalism of **Terry Riley** and the sparse palette of dub techno. Written and recorded in Lewisham in the spring and summer of 2023, *Yucca* follows the release of *Axis* in 2022, with the duo having also performed at festivals such as Rewire and Waking Life, and recorded live sessions for FACT magazine and Worldwide FM. The third release on Yorkshire-based Odda Recordings, following Kirk Barley's *Marionette* and **Flaer's** *Preludes*, *Yucca* confirms the label's reputation for championing music on the unstable ground between the organic and the synthetic.

TRACKLISTING

01. Chirp (2:50)
02. Ferns (2:21)
03. Yucca (5:05)
04. Coral (4:34)
05. Roses (4:00)
06. Winston (3:21)

HIGHLIGHTS

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- RIYL: **Roy Haynes**, **Marcus Gilmore**, **J Dilla**, **Flying Lotus**, **Terry Riley**.

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