

madrid

Warm Waters

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To be sure, when anyone in the music industry suggests that a band cannot be generically categorized, be it a label functionary or a member of the band itself, it must be treated with suspicion. Still, in the case of Niagara Falls natives **madrid**, this claim may hold some water.

In efforts to liken their sound to other outfits one comes up with such names as France's Air, Röyksopp of Norway, and Boards of Canada from the UK. Whatever the comparison, for **madrid**'s core members, Adam Perry and Duncan Christie, making the sounds featured on their debut full-length album *Warm Waters* is about translating as closely as possible a pre-existing mental image of the music into the physical realm.

The two high school friends started out in the mid 90s playing in Bizarre Thinking Accident, a psychedelic industrial act; yet even then they felt somewhat marginalized by the electronic community. With the demise of BTA in the late nineties the duo started **madrid**, self-releasing a ten-track demo in 1999 titled *Heaventh Seven*.

After moving to Toronto and completing degrees in Botany and Film they started work on *Warm Waters*, further evolving their "ambitronic" approach. Here they hooked up with drummer Eric Lightfoot who became key in bringing **madrid**'s vision to life on stage. Far from being tech-geeks hunched over computers, **madrid** puts on a live performance that blends the steady backbeat of rock with textures unique to older analogue equipment (such as their Korg MS-20 and their TB-303) through which they line their guitars.

There is a universality to **madrid** that makes them appealing to all generations. Even in its darker moments their music is always positive, so that rather than being ominous, their dynamic crescendos and drops have an uplifting, positive vibe. From Milky Way love songs to techno rainstorms, "there is a common melody that plays in the head of every dreamer." Who, after all, does not enjoy an evening spent on the beach plumb the depths of the cosmos with the waves gently lapping at their toes? For that is the closest approximation one might make in describing listening to *Warm Waters*.



Track List:

01. Warming
02. Stereostar
03. Campfiring
04. Tierra del Fuego
05. Wondres
06. Quick Space
07. White Clinical
08. Trafficking
09. Fast Track
10. June Park

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