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John Clay Allen Announces New Experimental Album *Turn* with Saxophonist Lucas Hopkins

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Composer and producer John Clay Allen announces his second album with the experimental electronic and contemporary classical release, *Turn*. The forthcoming LP is a collaboration with Colorado-based saxophonist Lucas Hopkins. Part contemporary classical, part experimental electronic, *Turn* continues where Allen's debut album *Asnières* leaves off.

For Allen, *Turn* marks a change in direction to the introspective, as he pays homage to new life and memorializes lives lost, all while pondering our place in this cycle. The emotional breadth of the pieces is expertly executed by saxophonist Lucas Hopkins, whose performances on the soprano, alto, and bass saxophones provide the source material for the entire album.

The album ranges in scope from the droning ambient opening track "Inward," to the nearly classical "To Earth" pieces. Hopkins' virtuosity is on full display on "To Ash" and "To Stone," as he achieves sounds and textures scarcely heard on saxophone records.

Turn began as concert piece for bass saxophone and live electronics written in 2019 for Hopkins. In 2020, Allen expanded and developed the material into a full-length album. *Turn* was recorded in Boulder, CO in July of 2020, and produced and mixed in Allen's home studio in Denver.

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