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Welder: ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Brendan Angelides, aka Welder, is a California based artist more widely known in the music community as Eskmo. With releases under the latter guise on the labels of Ninja Tune, Warp and Planet Mu, he has gained notable transatlantic recognition from the likes of BBC Music ("mind-melting invention..."), URB ("Simply destroys the sound system..") and FACT ("Fascinating example of the intersection of organic and electronic.") amongst many others.

He has been producing and performing live electronic music since 1999. His live sets under both monikers are currently based around Ableton Live utilizing various midi controllers with on the spot warping, queing and key work. He has covered numerous styles throughout the years and it has grown to a fusion of thick, floor-creaking bass layered with rich, oozing melodies and syncopated rhythms.

Welder explores a different side of the sonic and emotional spectrum. "Florescence" is Brendan's 2nd album under this persona (the first being a low key release in 2006 entitled "Vines and Stream" on Cyberset; a local SF based label.) While Eskmo traverses hi fi, twisted and bright outward explorations, Welder paints with washed lo fi instrument based ingredients, organic and digital. Weathered piano, warm strings, vintage drums, mandolins, synths and electric bass color the album. All the songs have a noticeable focus on recording room environments and the imperfections in the recording process, resulting in a very human, introverted yet gently playful experience.

Written over the period of December 2010 to March 2011 after some major life shifts and emotional upheavals, the album marks a distinct step in the maturing of Angelides' secondary yet equally important music persona.

Brendan has been featured in numerous publications such as Pitchfork, URB, DJMAG and XLR8R and on such shows as BBC Radio 1 and RinseFM. He has performed throughout the UK, into Spain, France and Canada. Aside from international bookings, he has performed in clubs, at theaters and at festivals in major cities across the US. He has shared the stage with notable acts such as Amon Tobin, STS9, Flying Lotus, Scuba, The Glitch Mob, Si Begg, Tipper and others.

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