

PRESS RELEASE

Atlas : Empire
Somnus EP

Artist: Atlas : Empire

Album: Somnus EP

Tracks:

1. Keep this in the Shallows
2. Mitchy Valentino sleeps with the Fishes
3. In the Arms of the Abyss
4. ...Off the Map
5. Binary Lung

Release: 12th August 2013

Label: Cold War Legacy Records

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For fans of: Deftones, Oceansize, At the Drive-in



Progressive rock band **Atlas : Empire** return with their second EP, **Somnus**, which will be released on **August 12th** via **Cold War Legacy Records**.

The band were formed in the summer of 2011 by ex **The Ocean Fracture**'s **Steven Gillies** (Guitar, Vocals), multi-instrumentalist, and **This Silent Forest**'s **Jamie Sturt** (Guitar, Vocals, Keys, Electronics) and **Dave Stephen** (Bass, Vocals). In October of that year Atlas : Empire were born when they found permanent drummer **Jonny Gormley**, before adding a third guitarist in March 2012 when ex **Pareto** and **Sucioferro** member, **Dave Aird**, joined the band.

Atlas : Empire cite the influence of **Aereogramme**, **The Dear Hunter**, and **Oceansize** in the evolution of their sound, and this is characterised by their unerring ability to create music that is both spacious and abrasive - a sound that many of their influences would be proud of.

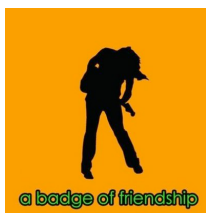
Following on from their debut EP, **To the Astronaut**, **Somnus** further cements the loud, abrasive atmosphere that has become synonymous with the band. Tracks such as forthcoming single **Mitchy Valentino Sleeps with the Fishes** sum up Atlas : Empire's sound perfectly - as echoing vocals are electrified by chugging distorted chords, incessant, sharp drumming and time changes galore.

The band show an impressive versatility throughout the record as they straddle various genres with ease. Post-hardcore sits neatly alongside the **Maybeshewill** inspired post-rock of 'Keep This In The Shallows', while **Somnus** is sprinkled with the eclectic spirit and instrumental ambience of **Oceansize**.

Somnus was recorded live in one night at **Lo Fi Studios** in Glasgow with engineer **Neil Martin**, before being mixed and mastered by producer **Oz Craggs** (**Feed the Rhino**, **Jairus**, **Secondsmile**). The EP will kickstart a busy second half of the year for Atlas:Empire as they are planning a Scottish tour in August to support the release and embarking on a UK-wide tour in October.

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- **Atlas : Empire** are available for interviews.
- EPK, photos and artwork available upon request
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