



LITTLE WINGS MAGIC WAND

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Little Wings is a diverse musical palette Kyle Field uses to paint stories with sound. The personnel in Little Wings has always been in flux, through the Wonder and Light Green Leaves trilogies and last years Harvest Joy album. Says Kyle, "Magic Wand is about trusting to get it right the first time (pointing your magic wand with total faith and projection and focus, sending light in this way). Magic Wand attempts a refined high realism, lyrically and musically, that I have never attempted with the voice." He adds, "I am drawing a lot", as evidenced by the cover illustrations for Magic Wand, an extension of the work in Kyle's latest gallery show. With this album Kyle worked with producer Calvin Johnson at Dub Narcotic studio in Olympia, Wa., recruiting a wide variety of other artists, musical and visual: Phil Elverum, Bobby Birdman, Lee Baggett, Genevieve Elverum, Miggy Littleton (Blood on the Wall and White Magic), and others, who come and go throughout the week Magic Wand is recorded. They stay for days and nights, or for just one song. This results in the Child Artist deep inside Kyle emerging, picking up his pen again with his original devotion and purpose. In his hands Magic Wand becomes a synonym for pen (writing and drawing), microphone, peace pipe, cigarette, an actual magician's wand, crystal shard, etc. This is the sixth album from Kyle Field funneling his wood grain/crystal shards through the latest wave of Big Sur revivalism.

"Let those who bristle at the uniquely American brand of sincerity started ostensibly by Walt Whitman and handed from man to man right on up to Jonathan Richman and Jeffrey Lebowski (you think he's fictional, but he's not) and David Berman beware. For it is this kind of sincerity – a breezy acceptance of the world in all its damaged glory but still possessing secret wonders in the simplest falling leaves or teary kisses – that embraces all that it is to live should you choose to accept it. The tribe of awestruck Wonderment can now count freaky-ass stoner boy Kyle Field and his Little Wings as one of their silently but steadily growing crew, and on the soulful and deeply strange Light Green Leaves, you can feel him winning one for the whole team. Conceived as a trilogy concept album in which each format (LP, cassette, CD) bears different readings of the same gang of songs (give or take one or two exclusives), each song is a meditation on hibernation, each one a paean to autumn. Field, it must be admitted, has a buttery but clipped voice and plucks out his songs on an old nylon stringed guitar, but his concern never seems precious or, more important, self conscious. Light Green Leaves is the kind of unaffected punk/folk music which K has made secret history before, and it is so beautiful yet disaffected that someone could (and probably will) level the claim that the whole thing is an act, that no one has any right to fly into the scary autumns of their childhood and come back with something this artful yet homespun." - Philadelphia Weekly

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