

MICHEL WYSS *Descend and smile*

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Independent musician and songwriter Michel Wyss was born and raised in Switzerland in the 1980s. Michel started making music by learning classical guitar and experimenting with a cheap little keyboard at the age of 12.

During the following two decades he was playing and recording in different genres including Punk Rock ("Qumpels", "Nose Dive Pilots", "Evil Blemish"), Prog-Rock ("Levendess"), Cabaret (Duo "Roos aber Wyss") as well as playing in different cover bands and free-jam and jazz oriented projects.

Following a long creative hiatus he felt the need to break new musical ground and in recent years began playing piano, singing and arranging for strings. This led to him developing and recording new material. I had to find a new direction, my "style"... with this record I finally wanted to paddle my own canoe", says Wyss.

Michel has now released his solo-debut *Descend and smile* in the end of June 2015. Written, arranged and produced by Wyss and mixed by Kejnu's Nuél Schoch, the album contains 9 tracks showcasing his blending of more progressive structures, chamber music elements, melancholia, romance, at times abstract lyrics, haunting melodies with both electronic and organic sounds and beats. Beside Michel on vocals, piano, keyboards, drum programming, guitars and percussion the album also features Jonas Prina on drumset and timpano, Jannai Balikavlayan on viola, Albert Hartkamp on violoncello, Fridolin Blumer on double bass, Ali Salvioni on percussion and cymbals as well as a contribution by Dascha Lüscher on vocals. The album was mastered by Andy Jackson and the artwork was designed by Nuél Schoch.

Descend and smile is available as a pocket pac CD, a black vinyl LP (incl. download code), a cassette MC and digital.

Michel is now planning concerts for fall 2015 with a full band and is currently working on additional new material for the tour.



Photo by Manuel Wüest

Track list: 1. Descend and smile - 2. New life part 1 - 3. New life part 2 - 4. Where do we go from here? - 5. Unconsciously - 6. Embrace me - 7. Out of this world - 8. Destiny - 9. I linger / Running time 37 min.

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