

Vanishing

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Gareth Smith aka Vanishing es músico de spoken-word y exingeniero de la ciudad de Hull, Reino Unido, quien actualmente vive en Manchester. Su trayectoria lo remite a su participación como guitarrista hardcore/punk y miembro fundador de Raging Speedhorn. Cuando adolescente Smith anotaba sus pensamientos sobre el mundo que lo rodeaba en forma de poesía y que luego lo plasmó en letras. A finales de los '70 descubre el post punk a través de Joy División, Killing Joke, Throbbing Gristle y forma una banda post punk muy influenciada por The Fall.

Smith ha sido invitado como cantante en la banda psicodélica británica, Gnod, remezclado a Gazelle Twin y tiene tres discos como Vanishing: "Vanishing" (2017), "55°N, 5°E" (2021) y el reciente álbum "Ends Without Redress" (2023) que lanza el sello Outer Reaches que dirige Tim Wilson.

"Ends Without Redress" se considera un disco complementario al álbum "55°N, 5°E" que despliega un ambiente oscuro e improvisaciones de saxo, violín y electrónica. Su temática — que también incluye su última entrega — trata sobre el fatal incidente en la zona de Dogger Bank en el Mar del Norte, la noche del 21 de octubre, cuando buques de guerra rusos confundieron una flota de pesqueros británicos con buques de guerra enemigos japoneses y abrieron fuego. Uno de los pescadores asesinados esa noche fue George Henry Smith, bisabuelo de Gareth Smith.

"Ends Without Redress" — publicado el 28 de julio de 2023 — consiste en dos largas piezas: "The Moonlight Observed Parts I + II" y "Navigating Decades Parts I + II", en las que participan Karl D'Silva en electrónica, saxofón, clarinete y piano y textos por parte de Smith. También se incluyen cuerdas.

La primera de ellas comienza con melancólicas líneas de sintetizadores ambientales, emergiendo balbuceantes notas del clarinete y se expanden solemnes cuerdas, mientras Smith despliega su spoken-word cuyas reflexiones de Smith se relacionan con la guerra, la paranoia, las vidas entrelazadas y el legado. La segunda, muestra en la primera mitad de este track, una electrónica más abstracta y un saxo trepidante, furioso y ligeramente procesado. La segunda mitad, las notas sintetizadas vacilantes, se acompañan por bellos acordes de un instrumento de cuerdas (¿Dulcimer?), en tanto el spoken-word de Smith relata las consecuencias de la muerte y con ello se crea un ambiente propicio para reflexionar.

Gareth Smith invita a una experiencia meditativa evoca paisajes sonoros cinematográficos especialmente emotivos.

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Gareth Smith aka Vanishing is a spoken-word musician and exengineer from the city of Hull, United Kingdom, who currently lives in Manchester. His career refers to his participation as a hardcore/punk guitarist and founding member of Raging Speedhorn. As a teenager Smith wrote down his thoughts about the world around him in the form of poetry and later captured them in lyrics. At the end of the '70s he discovered post punk through Joy División, Killing Joke, Throbbing Gristle and formed a post punk band highly influenced by The Fall.

Smith has been a guest singer in the British psychedelic band, Gnod, remixed Gazelle Twin and has three albums as Vanishing: "Vanishing" (2017), "55°N, 5°E" (2021) and the recent album "Ends Without Redress" (2023) released by the Outer Reaches label run by Tim Wilson.

"Ends Without Redress" is considered a complementary to the album "55°N, 5°E" that displays a dark ambient and sax, violin and electronic improvisations. Its theme — which also includes his latest installment — deals with the fatal incident in the Dogger Bank area in the North Sea, on the night of October 21, when Russian warships mistook a fleet of British fishing vessels for enemy Japanese warships, and opened fire. One of the fishermen killed that night was George Henry Smith, great-grandfather of Gareth Smith.

"Ends Without Redress" — published on July 28, 2023 — consists of two long-form pieces: "The Moonlight Observed Parts I + II" and "Navigating Decades Parts I + II", featuring Karl D'Silva on electronics, saxophone, clarinet and piano and words by Smith. Strings are also included.

The first track begins with melancholic lines of ambient synths, babbled clarinet notes emerge and solemn strings expand, as Smith unfolds his spoken-word reflections on war, paranoia, intertwined lives and legacy. The second shows in the first half of this track, more abstract electronics, and a fast-paced, furious and slightly processed sax. The second half, the wavering synthesized notes, are accompanied by a beautiful string instrument chord (Dulcimer?), while Smith's spoken-word unfurls the consequences of death and thus creates an atmosphere for reflection.

Gareth Smith invites you to a meditative experience, evoking particularly poignant cinematic soundscapes.

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