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3. **The Coloradoan Song of the Dead**
4. **500k**
5. **The Faith Organ**

For Nadalands songwriter John Lindenbaum (The Lonelyhearts, Rust Belt Music, The Distances), the events of 2020 posed a conundrum: what do you sing about when the 13 previous Nadalands records already addressed global plagues, climate disasters, doomed street protests, militarized borders, and a disintegrating society? The five songs of *The Vernal Equinox EP* attempt to answer that question with a combination of wry observation and tempered optimism.

The Vernal Equinox marks the point when the days become longer than the nights; accordingly, the five songs on this EP straddle darkness and light. An addict meets a park bench revolutionary in “I Will Show You Fear in a Handful of Dust,” which takes its title from Spanish-Flu-era T.S. Eliot. A pandemic survivor longs for the dance floor in “Tampa Nightclub Incident.” A mourner surveys the urban wreckage in “The Coloradoan Song of the Dead.” A spacefarer carries the seed of a genetically modified humanity in “500k.” Finally, a religious skeptic contemplates the universality of belief in “The Faith Organ.” Lyrically, these Nadalands songs evoke the magical realism of Neutral Milk Hotel, the poignant vignettes of the Mountain Goats, the class-conscious sarcasm of Pulp, and the complex rhyme schemes of classic mid-90s hip-hop.

As on recent Nadalands EPs, the mixture of chiming acoustic guitars, sweeping synthesizers, intricately programmed drums, and layered voices sounds like an unlikely collaboration between Neil Young, Massive Attack, Mogwai, and Run the Jewels. Despite the conditions of its production, *The Vernal Equinox EP* is not the sound of an isolated individual. Vocals were sourced from Fort Collins, Colorado (Lindenbaum), Denver (Benjamin Buttice), Nashville (Alexis Stevens), Iowa City (Brian Johannesen), and Long Beach (Matt Tritto), forging an impromptu choir that only exists in the context of this record.

The Vernal Equinox EP will be released via all major streaming services on March 19, 2021.

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