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FUTURE ISLANDS

Wave Like Home 12"

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INFO

english

„Wave Like Home“ was created in the summer of 2007, with the help of producer Chester Endersby Gwazda and successfully denotes the uplifting energy of the band's live shows, whilst still staying true to their 4-track hearts.

The record is a breathless testament to romance and grasping chances, forever enthralled to the optimism of trying again. It's a sincere and sometimes painfully honest record about chasing broken dreams and finding courage in a forsaken heart. An album infatuated with timescales like always and forever. From the broken elegy of woozy opener „Pangea“ through the euphoric fun trips of „Old Friend“ and the upbeat „Seize A Shark“, the album never drifts far from reflection amongst it's highest highs.

For every throbbing track recalling breakneck pursuits there's a soulful reminder of the quieter side of a melodramatic heart. „Beach Foam“ is glorious, swelling synth work perfectly capturing the crashing waves that incite such hungry philosophy in the song. „In these arms I can feel my home, breaking from inside“ sings a desperate and forlorn Samuel on title track „Wave Like Home“, „Save me from loving you always“ he retorts on sober paean „Heart Grows Old“.

For all the hope and regret felt across the album it is rather apt that final track „Little Dreamer“ catches up with Future Islands at their most starry-eyed. Not even the chatter of birdsong can drown out the unabashed sweet sentiment of this closing song, so deeply consumed it holds a torch up into the darkness of the coldest corner of humanity.

„Wave Like Home“ is a worthy debut album for Future Islands - perfectly capturing their bittersweet nature. To quote the band on this matter it's an album of „bright morning-times holding hands with dreary afternoons“, like finding „shark-infested waters surrounding honeymoon beaches“. We are never that far from fun or despair, valiantly Future Islands are here to remind us of that.

german

Sehr interessante Klangkaskaden erstrecken sich bei Future Islands über neun Songs, in einer Zeit, die knapp unter einer halben Stunde liegt. Kurz und knapp auf den Punkt gebrachte Musik und sehr spannend. Mit Samuel Herring haben Future Islands aus Baltimore allerdings auch einen sehr charismatischen Sänger gefunden, dessen Absicht es offensichtlich ist, seine Hörer glücklich zu machen. „Wave Like Home“ bietet insbesondere mit „Old Friend“, „Flicker & Flutter“ und „Heart Grows Old“ Stücke von höchster Qualität. Insgesamt klingt der Synthie-Garagerock verdammt nach 80er Jahre und diese Referenz ist sicher nicht immer positiv. Die Future Islands aber, mit ihrem blechernden Sound sind inspirierend, sehr progressiv und wissen wie man Elemente vergangener Tage richtig nutzen sollte. Beseelt von einer großartige Platte drücken wir erneut den Knopf, der uns diese wunderbare Musik noch einmal vorspielt.

BAND MEMBERS

Gerrit Welmers - Electronics
William Cashion - Bass
Samuel Herring - Drums, Vocals

TRACK LISTING

1. Pangea
2. Old Friend
3. Flicker & Flutter
4. Escape Artist
5. Seize A Shark
6. Satie
7. Heart Grows Old
8. Beach Foam
9. Wave Like Home
10. Little Dreamer

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