

# **Beyond Measures & Time**

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**Steve Rivera** has made a steady progression in his musical career, I remember the intensity and emotion of his last offering *Dividing The Darkness* back in 2015, now he is back with a sparkling new release called **Beyond Measures & Time**.

On this new offering there seems to be a real connection with the soul and heart, a combination of emotive performances with such a beautiful arrangement and performance structure, all of that is here and more, like for example the supremely gentle and radiant opener **Suspended Dream**, simply the perfect starting composition.

Rivera has manifested something so emotive and meaningful on this new release, listening to tracks like **Unlocking the Moments**, is like pulling the curtains back on a brand new sun kissed day and the hope of better things to come.

The artist embraces a longer style in **Falling Closer**, a track filled with a pristine gentleness, creating space and ambience with such natural precision, then the fluent tones of pieces like **Waves and Particles**, both tracks creating a rock pool of ambient pleasure in their own way.

Life can be dualistic in nature and on arrangements like **Dark Tides** we see a musical toe being dipped into those murkier waters of emotive intensity, the performance here is sublime at creating a really introspective mood.

There can be no doubt that as a pianist **Steve Rivera** is on the rise in this genre and this album is a fine example of this steady and thoughtful progression. The

last track of the album **Measures & Time** is perhaps a fine example of future musical foot paths that the artist may travel. This has to be one of the most spacious, calm and ambient releases on piano I have heard for some time, and an album that is so very easy and charming to listen to as well.