

Voice of the Ancestors

By

Grayhawk

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There can be nothing more heart rendering than the loss of a loved one, especially a child, one so young, innocent and pure. This tragedy has touched the life of **Grayhawk** and is the very substance to which the opening piece of the album is all about, it's called **Transcendent Soul**. I have listened to this piece now on multiple occasions, the arrangement, whilst moving and deeply emotive, has such an elevation of energy about its construction, one that fills you with hope and with a tear in the eye, one can feel a sense of purpose about life.

Grayhawk and **Voice of the Ancestors** is an album of masterful quality, to start a release off with a composition of such emotional content is simply breathtaking, and you will find that is a theme that runs concurrently and consistently throughout the offering.

Take a moment in the realm of a track like **Guardians of Goddess Thien Hau**, which contains a lush eastern narrative enhanced further by the talents of Grammy winner and flute performer *Wouter Kellerman*, then move soft of foot into the very title track itself **Voice of the Ancestors**, to hear the sublime nature of mystical magic from the artist on keyboards, mixed with a little ambient guitar from an old radio friend of mine in *Vito Gregoli*, this is simply and utterly majestic with every note played.

Voice of the Ancestors is an album that will probably eclipse mostly everything you have heard this year thus far, and includes a rhythmic long form opus like **Peace Prayer**, with the evergreen talents of vocalist *Darlene Koldenhoven* and the extremely classy *Karen Olson* on viola.

Grayhawk has proven himself via this release, to be one of the finest composers and multi instrumentalists of the modern age, and **Voice of the Ancestors** is that release that will entice you to listen further, to listen more deeply and be totally touched in the final outcome; albums of this pristine beauty and quality are impossible to not recommend and I urge you to delve deeper into this wonderful offering.