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KAURA to Release New Full-Length CD/DVD, ‘That Which Defines Us’, on September 20th, 2011



California natives **KAURA** (pronounced kay-aura) were born from the vision of infusing the aggressive power of hard, melodic rock with the haunting and ethereal sounds of ancient instruments. The band is proud to release their anticipated debut full-length CD/DVD, ***That Which Defines Us***, on September 20th, 2011. Produced by singer Malcolm Guess, the album is a testament of dedication, taking over two years to record with the assistance of rock luminaries such as Sylvia Massey (**Tool**, **System of a Down**, **Danzig**), Ken Andrews (**Failure**, **A Perfect Circle**) and Michael Romanowski (**Dredg**). Central to the album's sound were instruments that the band collected on their travels to India, Thailand, Bali, Cambodia, Laos, and Nepal.

“We were really drawn to the sounds of these instruments because they are not traditionally heard in modern rock music,” explains guitarist Ben Rojas. Drummer Benjamin Jones adds, “We have always strived to create our own unique voice and incorporating these instruments helps us do that and create a really expansive depth of sound.”

The DVD portion of the set includes two music videos directed by drummer Benjamin Jones for the songs 'Ephemeral Fall' and 'Silence Speaks Louder'. It also features an hour long 'Making of the Album', and footage of the band's adventures collecting instruments during their travels.

Tracklisting:

1. Inovation
2. Sera Phi
3. One Becomes Two
4. Ephemeral Fall
5. Solace
6. Silence Speaks Louder
7. Apathy
8. Alarmico Saturn
9. 2C&B
10. If This Were to End
11. Tether's End
12. A Lament for Change

Lyrically, the band also takes a unique approach. "I tend to explore topics related to evolution, re-birth, social and personal consciousness as a way bringing awareness to issues of greater universal significance," says Guess.

Comprised of Malcolm Guess (vocals, guitar, and production), Benjamin Jones (drums, hammered dulcimer), Ben Rojas (guitar), and Josh Albright (bass). **KAURA** have already racked up an impressive list of accomplishments, including invitations from Live Nation to open for national touring acts like **Godsmack** and **Rob Zombie** and garnering the praise of Paz Lenchantin (**A Perfect Circle**, **Zwan**, **Entrance Band**) who appeared on their self-titled EP and airplay on Los Angeles's World Famous KROQ and Bay Area radio stations such as Live 105 and The Bone. A recent national tour, culminating in a fiery performance at SXSW, earned their song 'Now or Never' a spot in a national advertising campaign for Ford Motors.

Malcolm Guess and Benjamin Jones formed the band initially because of a mutual love of the band **KYUSS** and their interest in Eastern culture, spirituality, and music. After writing, recording and releasing **KAURA**'s first self-titled EP, Malcolm and Benjamin returned to the East to collect more instruments and inspiration, which they used to record 'That Which Defines Us'. Upon returning from their travels, Malcolm and Benjamin connected with guitarist Ben Rojas, who immediately fit the vibe of the band, both personally and musically. Finally, after playing with many bass players during the recording of the album, Joshua Albright became the glue that fit everything together.

"Our connection as individuals goes beyond just the music," adds Guess. "We all share in the greater vision of using music as a medium for inspiring thought, creativity, and consciousness."

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