

In August of 2009, the unrelenting musical force that is Son of Aurelius was formed when the band embarked on the process of recording a crushing full-length album with Zack Ohren at Castle Ultimate Studios. The 11 song record was officially finished in September, and by April of 2010 The Farthest Reaches was released to the world. This debut was released through Good Fight Records and, shortly after, Son of Aurelius took to the road and began touring the United States. During this time, vocalist Riley McShane took up the mic and solidified their current line-up. In the following years, Son of Aurelius would tour and share the stage with such bands as Whitechapel, Cattle Decapitation, Severed Savior, Wretched, Last Chance to Reason, and Between the Buried and Me.

In 2011, Son of Aurelius began negotiations to record their follow up album to the Farthest Reaches, however no agreement could be reached. After several years of a great partnership, Son of Aurelius parted ways from their record label in 2013. That summer the decision was made and the band began preparations to enter the studio to record their massive sophomore album, Under a Western Sun, to be released completely independently in 2014.