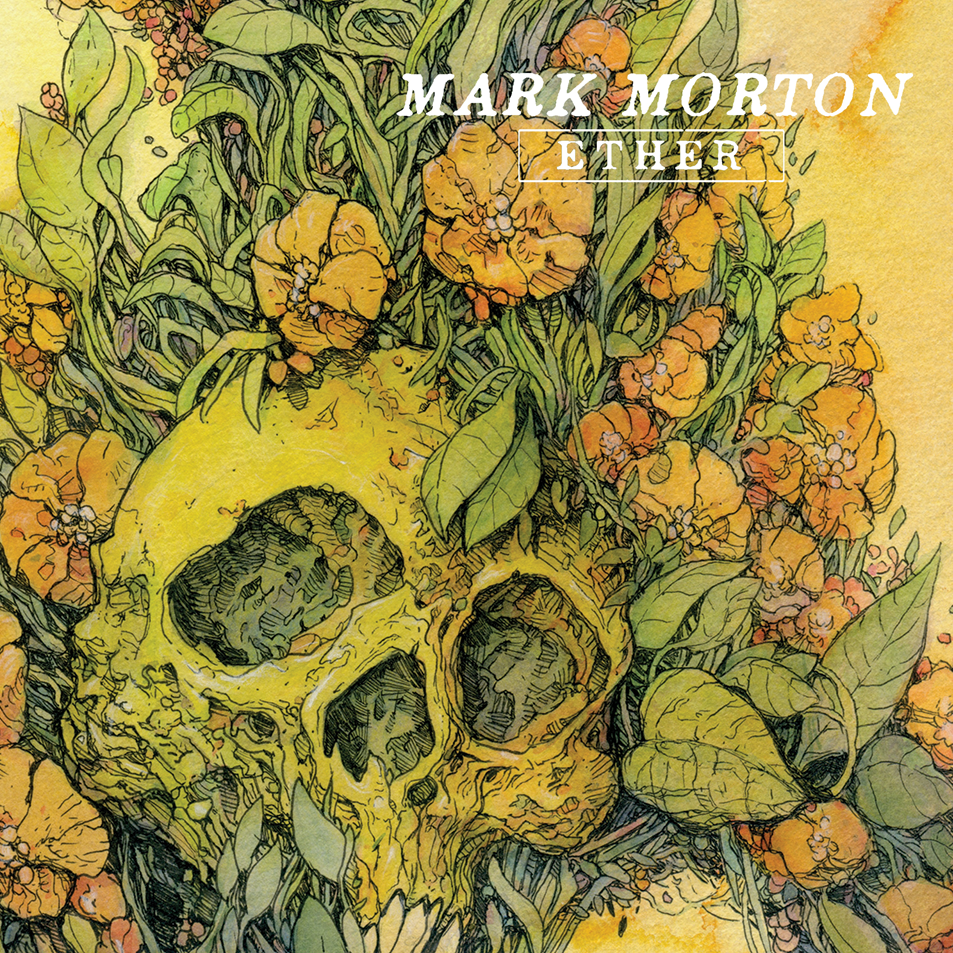
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**Lamb of God Guitarist MARK MORTON to Release New Solo EP, “Ether," in January**

**Special Guests Include Lzzy Hale (Halestorm), Howard Jones (Light the Torch), Mark Morales (Sons of Texas) and John Carbone (Moon Tooth)**



**Lamb of God** guitarist **MARK MORTON** returns in 2020 with his second solo offering, entitled ***Ether***, a primarily acoustic five-song EP scheduled for release in January via Rise Records/BMG.

As with **MORTON**’s solo debut, *Anesthetic*, released earlier this year, the guitarist enlisted the talents of various musicians and vocalists to bring his songs to life. ***Ether*** features appearances by **Lzzy Hale** (**Halestorm**), **Howard Jones** (**Killswitch Engage**, **Light the Torch**), **John Carbone** (**Moon Tooth**) and **Mark Morales** (**Sons of Texas**), who is also a member of **MORTON**’s live band. The EP is made up of three original songs and two covers that once again showcase **MORTON**’s diversity as a musician.

Says **MARK** **MORTON**, *“I’m thrilled to announce the upcoming release of my new, five song EP, '****Ether****,' on Rise Records! Once again, I’ve had the great pleasure of working with some amazingly talented artists and friends to assemble this collection of tunes, all of which feature a strong acoustic guitar component. Inspired by the acoustic sets I had the opportunity to perform last spring and summer in support of 'Anesthetic,' I began writing some new songs to reflect that more mellow vibe. I’m stoked with the results and I can’t wait for everyone to hear what we’ve been putting together. I’ll be debuting these tunes on my upcoming U.K. acoustic tour, so you can hear them live before they’re released anywhere else!"*

*"I continue to be honored to have the chance to work with so many incredibly talented people and I remain beyond grateful to the fans that have come along with me and supported these projects. Thanks so much everyone!"*

***Ether* tracklisting:**

1. All I Had To Lose (featuring Mark Morales)

2. The Fight (featuring John Carbone)

3. She Talks To Angels (featuring Lzzy Hale)

4. Love My Enemy (featuring Howard Jones)

5. Black (featuring Mark Morales)

First single from *Ether*, "All I Had to Lose" featuring Mark Morales, will be released January 10.

*Ether* was produced and mixed by Josh Wilbur (**Lamb of God**, **Gojira**, **Trivium**).

Following his first UK acoustic performance at the Download festival earlier this year, **MARK MORTON** will return for a handful of special and intimate acoustic shows in January 2020.

**MARK MORTON**comments,*“We had such an amazing time with the acoustic set at Download and I’m really looking forward to expanding on that experience with these upcoming shows. Joining me once again will be****Mark Morales****on vocals and guitarist extraordinaire,****Joe Harvatt****. I can’t wait to make each show extra special for you all with an evening of stories, acoustic versions of many of the songs from****Anesthetic****, and a few covers of some of our favorite tunes. We’ll also be debuting some new original material as well! Look forward to seeing you all!”*

**MARK MORTON UK tour dates:**

1/8 – Bristol, UK @ Thekla

1/9 - Manchester, UK @ Academy 3

1/10 – Glasgow, UK @ Cathouse

1/11 – Birmingham, UK @ O2 Academy 2

1/12 – London, UK @ Camden Underworld

*Anesthetic*, **MORTON**’s first 10-track solo album, was made alongside a dream team of highly respected musicians from a multitude of musical worlds.  Singers on the album include **Chester Bennington**, **Randy Blythe**, **Jacoby Shaddix**, **Myles Kennedy**, **Alissa White-Gluz**, **Mark Lanegan**, **Chuck Billy**, **Jake Oni**, **Josh Todd**, **Mark Morales** and **Naeemah Maddox**. Musically, **MORTON** performs all guitars, with **Roy Mayorga**, **David Ellefson**, **Ray Luzier**, **Paolo Gregoletto**, **Alex Bent**, **Mike Inez**, **Jean-Paul Gaster**, **Steve Gorman**, **Marc Ford**, **Yanni Papadopoulos** and **Chris Brooks** completing the band. The single "Cross Off," featuring late **Linkin Park** vocalist **Chester Bennington** and **Trivium**'s rhythm section of **Paolo Gregoletto** and **Alex Bent**, spent six weeks in the Top 10 Active Rock US radio chart and has now amassed more than 14 million plays on Spotify and YouTube.

Following the release of *Anesthetic*, **MORTON** took his live band, consisting of **Morales** on lead vocals, **Doc Coyle** (**Bad Wolves**) on guitar, **Nick Villarreal** (**Sons Of Texas**) on bass, **Art Cruz** (**Lamb of God**, **Prong**, **Winds of Plague**, on a North American co-headline tour with **Light the Torch**.

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