



New Release

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MERIDIAN ODYSSEY

EARTHSHINE

"...incredibly talented; their youthful exuberance shines through on urgent and passionate uptempo flights and intense, moody ballads alike...the band's interplay - the musical conversation in each performance - is most striking to my ear."

KNKX, SEATTLE

Self-recorded in an airplane hangar in rural Alaska during a pandemic exile, 2021's *Second Wave* delivered the story of a group of young musicians using exceptional circumstances to create personal & musical connection, and ultimately, a stirring documentation of time-well-spent. With this script in hand, Meridian Odyssey returned to Big Lake in August 2021, settling in for six days of intense rehearsals of nine new originals, with time off for sailing, flying and hiking together. With trumpeter Noah Halpern joining the core band of saxophonist Santosh Sharma, bassist Ben Feldman, pianist Dylan Hayes, guitarist Martin Budde, and drummer/producer/engineer Xavier Lecouturier, the group found a new power and focus in their sound, with the expanded front line and the growing conceptual openness the band had developed. Born from the perceivably "lost" years of '20 & '21, *Earthshine* will speak to the creative read and react of six musicians on the literal threshold of their careers. While a marvelous tale of its own, it portends to be but an entrance into a musical beyond.

Santosh Sharma - Tenor Saxophone
Noah Halpern - Trumpet
Dylan Hayes - Piano
Martin Budde - Guitar
Ben Feldman - Bass
Xavier Lecouturier - Drums
Jeff Busch - Percussion (7)
Ben Lange - Mandolin (7)



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