



New Release

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LAST WORD QUINTET

Falling to Earth



"...a union of song, jazz, and poetry – an artistic collaboration of the first rank...They're real. They write about subjects which thinking people think about. They give voice to our thoughts." Sue Fink

Born from a chance musical encounter at Chicago's Uptown Poetry Slam in 2017, The Last Word Quintet is a collaboration between four of Chicago's more active musicians & songwriters, with Marc Kelly Smith, a performance poet and a leader of the worldwide poetry slam movement. In an intense and amazingly short period of time they seamlessly wove Marc's original and classic poetry with Al Day's vocals and lyrics to form a collection of pieces illustrating multi-dimensional tales of urban life. With pianist Bob Long, bassist Doug Lofstrom and saxophonist Brian Gephart, the Last Word creates vivid worlds to be explored. As Robert Rodi wrote in New City, *"It's apparent we're hearing an entirely new kind of poetic conversation, and it's thrilling."* Joining the quintet on *Falling to Earth* is drummer Sarah Allen.

- 1 **IRON TANGO** 4:02
- 2 **CHILDREN OF PARADISE** 5:13
- 3 **BOOK AND THE ROSE** 3:24
- 4 **UNMASKED** 6:02
- 5 **RAGE OF ANGELS** 6:02
- 6 **CIRCLE OF DOORS** 2:36
- 7 **DREAM OF FLYING** 4:47
- 8 **STOVE IN THE BACK** 5:50
- 9 **FALLING TO EARTH** 6:39
- 10 **LIMELIGHT** 8:33
- 11 **DOMINGUEZ** 6:40
- 12 **DAYLIGHT** 4:39

Al Day
vocals, guitar

Marc Kelly Smith
spoken word, background vocals

Bob Long
piano, vocals

Doug Lofstrom
bass, keyboard, bkgrd vocals

Brian Gephart
saxophones

Sarah Allen
drums

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MARKETING:

- Home Markets: CHICAGO
- Midwest Performances
- International press & radio service
- DownBeat full-page label ad
- Modern poetry & songs with jazz quintet, for fans of Beat poetry, Tom Waits

Words & Music by Doug Lofstrom, Al Day, Bob Long, Brian Gephart / Poems by Marc Kelly Smith & Al Day

Produced by Doug Lofstrom
Executive Producers: Al Day & Doug Lofstrom
Recorded by Doug Lofstrom / Assistant Engineer: Jade Allen at Little Miracles Music, Villa Park, IL April 11, 2021 through October 24, 2022
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