

SUNN TRIO

ELECTRIC ESOTERICA

Limited LP/8 inch

Twenty One Eighty Two Recording Company

Let's be honest. Phoenix is where we are from, but it isn't where we are at. The scene is essential to nothing, but that doesn't mean the musicians here aren't essential. Music attempts to appeal to as large an audience as possible, but composition attempts to engage the listener in something different.

Enter Sunn Trio.

A punk trio that is influenced by middle eastern psych, free jazz, and improvisation. While not recorded in a traditional studio, these recordings represent the first studio-produced sounds from this group. The group is built around Joel Robinson and has had as many as eight to ten members in recordings and live performances, but more recently has been focused on a trio that composes music that challenges every notion of what rock, punk, or psych can be; however, at the same time, the music is crafted with improvisational focus and middle eastern influence that should be the basis for this generation's new music.

Robinson makes his melody maker sound like an oud, rabab, and even at times a gamelan when he isn't using these instruments to generate the lead lines to the compositions. The music has an import that shows a deference to eastern music, while expressing a freedom that isn't present in any modern music. We stood idle during the Arab Spring; we decimated Iraq and Afghanistan; and now we retreated from Syria as the Kurdish people struggled to survive. Sunn Trio creates music that responds to these atrocities and works to build a bridge to these people. Urgent music for urgent times.

Electric Esoterica is the third album from Sunn Trio. It is the third in a series of records that revolve around Alan and Richard Bishop, Charles Goocher, W. David Oliphant, and Joel Robinson called the Mount Meru Anthology. These sounds are rooted in a history of creation in Arizona that involves people that were inspired and supported by people who do things differently.

Sunn Trio wants you to listen, but don't be fucking passive.



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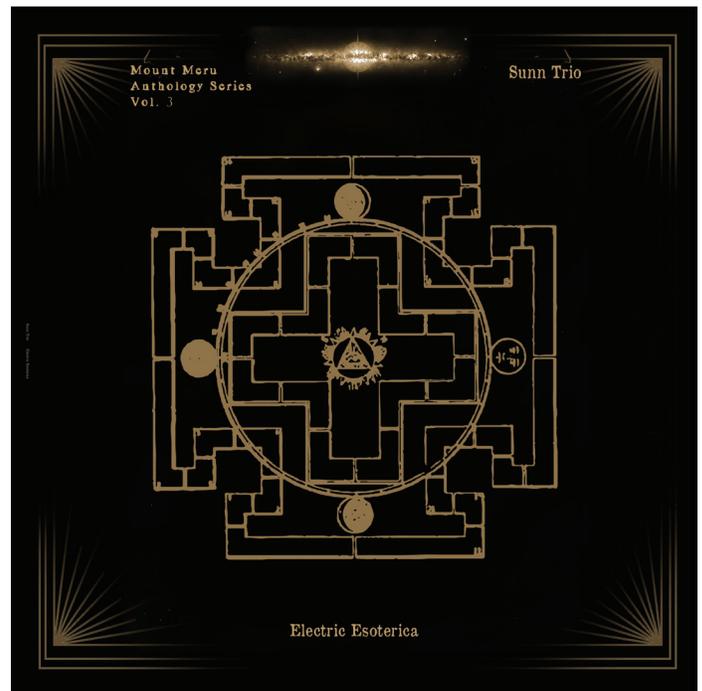
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"INSTRUCTION TO THE PEOPLES OF THE EARTH. You must realize that you have the right to love beauty. You must prepare to live life to the fullest extent. Of course it takes imagination, but you don't have to be an educated person to have that. Imagination can teach you the true meaning of pleasure. Listening can be one of the greatest pleasures. You must learn to listen, because by listening you will learn to see with your mind's eye. You see, music paints pictures that only the mind's eye can see. Open your ears so that you can see with the eye of the mind."

– Original sleevenotes from Sun Ra's Sun Song

TITLE: ELECTRIC ESOTERICA

Artist: Sunn Trio

Format: Ltd Edition Vinyl/8-inch / 500

Genre: Experimental (All tracks FCC friendly)

TRACK LIST:

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| 1. Alhiruiyn | 7. Taqsim For Atargatis |
| 2. Majoun | 8. Khons at Karnak |
| 3. Kunz-Pnjua | 9. Ilm Al-Huruf |
| 4. Japa 3 Aiwass | 10. The Eye of Apopis |
| 5. Roktabija The Promulgator | 11. The Evocation of King Tareh |
| 6. Tantric Feedback Resistor | |