

# Efrim Manuel Menuck

## *Pissing Stars*

180gLP • DL

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The 2nd solo album by the co-founder of Godspeed You! Black Emperor and Thee Silver Mt. Zion, following his 2011 solo debut.

RIYL: Suicide, Scott Walker, Throbbing Gristle, Neil Young, Einstürzende Neubauten, Pharmakon, Wolf Eyes, Yellow Swans, EMA, Avey Tare, Thee Silver Mt. Zion

Efrim Manuel Menuck returns with his second album *Pissing Stars*, the brilliantly intense follow-up to his 2011 solo debut *Plays "High Gospel"* (CST078) and the first new material with Menuck as central songwriter and vocalist since 2014's acclaimed *Fuck Off Get Free We Pour Light On Everything* (CST099) from his chamber-punk-rock band Thee Silver Mt. Zion.

The legendary Montréal-based musician has much-deserved cult status among fans of political punk, post-rock and avant-noise songcraft alike. Menuck celebrates 25 years of unflinching and uncompromising sonic output with *Pissing Stars*, wherein he launches acerbic darts, impassioned salvos and fragile flowers into gusts of noise-battered song built around pulsing maximalist electronics and drone, shot through with alternately plaintive, chilling, often processed vocals. *Pissing Stars* is Menuck at his most vulnerable and his most adventurous – with a timely narrative framework that only he could conjure:

**PISSING STARS** is inspired by the brief romance of american television presenter MARY HART and MOHAMMED KHASHOGGI, the son of a saudi arms dealer. i don't know how long their union endured, but i remember reading about them when i was a desperate teenager – there was something about their pairing that got caught in my head. i was living in a flooded basement with two other lost kids and a litter of feral kittens. we were all unfed. this strange intersection – the televisual blonde and the rich saudi kid with the murderous father; it got stuck in me like a mystery, like an illumination. i've carried it in me for 3 decades now, this obscure memory, and i return to it often, tracing its edges like a worn talisman. this record is about the dissolution of their relationship, and the way that certain stubborn lights endure. this record was made in dark corners between 2016 and 2017. a very rough pair of years, shot thru with fatigue, depression, despair, and too many cigarettes and too much booze. but also = the giddiness of enervation, and the strange liberation of being emptied – borne aloft and carried by the drift. the world continues its eternal collapsing, fires everywhere and everything drained of meaning. this record was made in various states of unease, with a brittle heart and a clear intent. like running towards a cliff with 2 swinging knives, roaring with an idiot grin. overcome and overjoyed. this record is about the dissolution of the state, and all of us trapped beneath, and the way that certain stubborn lights endure. – EMM

*Pissing Stars* comes in a deluxe 180gram vinyl edition with artworked inner dust sleeve and a killer 12"x18" art poster designed by Menuck, all printed on uncoated papers and boards. Thanks for listening.



## CST129 CONSTELLATION



### TRACKLIST:

- A1 Black Flags Ov Thee Holy Sonne
- A2 The State And Its Love And Genocide
- A3 The Lion-Daggers Of Calais
- A4 Kills v. Lies
- A5 Hart\_Kashoggi
- B1 A Lamb In The Land Of Payday Loans
- B2 LxOxVx / Shelter In Place
- B3 The Beauty Of Children And The War Against The Poor
- B4 Pissing Stars

DURATION: 46:12

GENRE: Electronic, Power Electronics, Noise, Avant-Punk

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