

BOTANY

LAVA DIVINER (TRUESTORY)

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RELEASE DATE: OCTOBER 29, 2013

INFORMATION

- Botany's "Laughtrack" featuring **Father John Misty** will be out soon.
- Lava Diviner (Truestory) features vocals by **Brainfeeder** artist **RYAT**
- Botany just finished a remix of "Soupboys" by **Heems**
- Botany's Feeling Today EP received praise from Pitchfork, Fader, Urb, XLR8R, Stereogum, Gorilla vs. Bear, and more
- Botany has performed at SXSW and CMJ and has opened for Panda Bear, M83, Coco Rosie, Born Ruffians, Baths, and more.
- **Matthewdavid** (Leaving Records / Stones Throw) mastered the album.

ABOUT THIS RECORD

On Texan producer Botany's debut proto-new age textures float atop a primal boom-bap pulse to paint a rhythmic mural with a '70s prog-rock epic scope.

Loosely a concept album documenting a religious sect that prays for a volcano to erupt, Stephenson set out to make a kind of instrumental storybook of an album, using only the emotional tone that his theme might evoke. However, by the time the record was finished, it became clear that the emotional tone was really coming from own life, rather than any concept or allegory. "As work on the record progressed, I began to realize that the musical journey was a direct reflection of my most hard-to-quantify life experiences," he explains. "Lava Diviner is about very real transformations in my being, so it's a true story in that sense... I always imagined my first album being like a volcano, with years of pent-up emotion and musical ideas bubbling up to a cathartic release. So, I always knew that symbolism would end up being a part of my first full-length." The volcanic sense of release is palpable. Lava Diviner (Truestory) easily moves past stale tropes of beat-based music, and brings to life a fully-realized, album-length outpouring of profound human emotion.



PRESS QUOTES

"Madlib-style drums and faint vocal echoes... organic rhythms and percussive melodies...perfectly haphazard."
XLR8R

"...hypnotic and balmy."
STEREOGUM

"...playful...otherworldly...ghostly"
PITCHFORK

"...a blossoming soundscape..."
DROWNED IN SOUND

"...sultry, dreamy constructions sound like they could form an alternative soundtrack to Disney's 'Alice in Wonderland'."
TIME OUT LONDON

"...indeed perfectly floral."
URB

"...lush, psychedelic production..."
SPACE AGE HUSTLE

"...a surrealist and hypnotic soundscape that bears resemblance to a Dali painting..."
THE LINE OF BEST FIT

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