

Carroll Presents: *Leap and the Net Appears*

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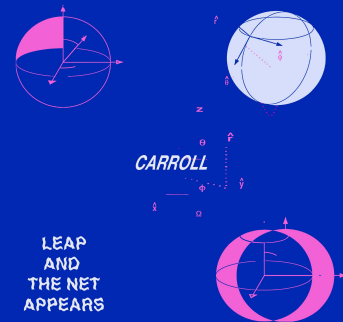
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Leap and the Net Appears (out February 28th 2020 on Shattered Orb Records) is the third album by the Philadelphia band Carroll. The album takes the band's outrospective sonic palate to glistening new heights and some of the murkiest depths of their career. Recorded in the band's subterranean bunker in Philadelphia and at Berlin Studios in New Jersey, the record captures the first moments of a hibernating bear blinking into the sunshine after months in its den. On songs like first single "Fern" and album opener "2 Have U," we see a band with one foot firmly planted in the void while cautiously approaching the light.

After years on the road and stints opening for the likes of Dr. Dog, Whitney, and Jessica Pratt, the four members of Carroll are learning to stay in place. "I tried fixing the holes inside / then I covered the door in your color," sings frontman Brian Hurlow on "Nona." Home improvement and domesticity butt up against inner turmoil in songs about unsettled settling. "This one has been a crazy year of tearing the yard apart," Hurlow reflects on the sublime album closer "Bemy."

Underneath Hurlow's plaintive delivery swirl the dense psychedelic landscapes the band is known for. The propulsive, liquid bass lines of Charles McClung are a second narrator throughout the course of the album and Max Kulicic continues to create microclimates and sonic storms with his atmospheric guitar. The record's tasteful and varied synthesizers seem to bubble up from beneath the understated beats of drummer Charlie Rudoy, while the tender saxophone work by free jazz explorer Gabriel Garcia polishes off what are the most enveloping grooves of the band's career.

The first lines of "Fern" are an apt metaphor for Carroll's newest record: "I'm a fern with the leaves curled up / in the light I extend and unravel." As you spend time with Leap and the Net Appears, the album unfurls, blooms, and blossoms around you.

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