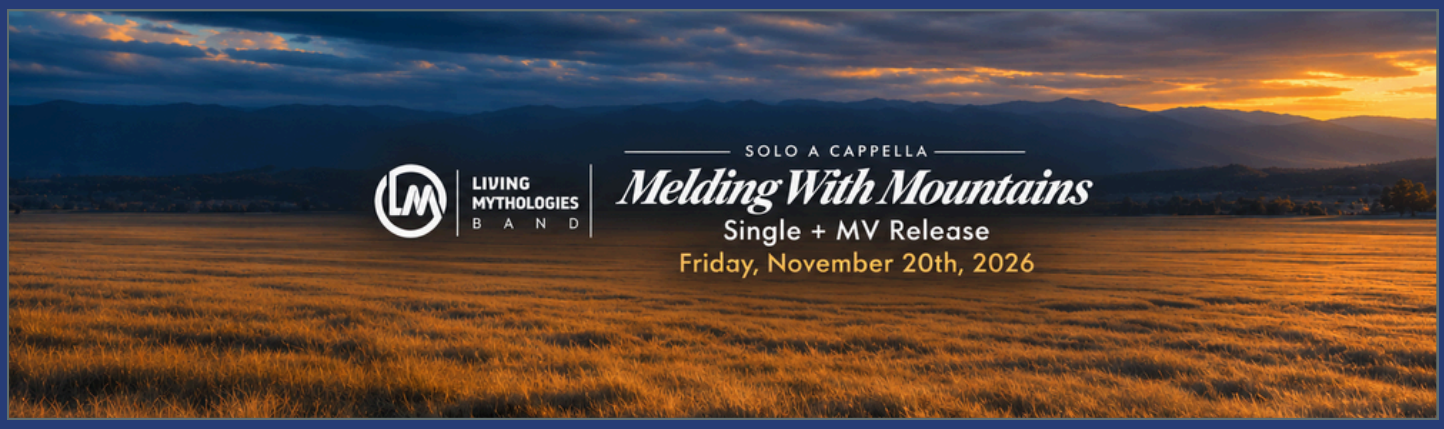
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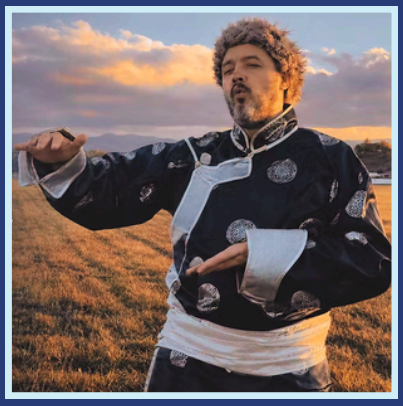
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ABOUT THE MUSIC

One voice. No instruments. On "Melding With Mountains" (《与山相融》), Living Mythologies' Andy Bauer explores the expressive possibilities of kargyraa, the deep, overtone-rich style of Tuvan throat singing. Filmed in Colorado's San Juan Mountains, his original solo composition draws on years of friendship, musical exchange, and ethnographic research in western Tuva.

Where the collective's debut, "Along the Tarim," brings multiple languages and instruments into expansive progressive fusion, this recording finds complexity in a single unaccompanied voice. Without lyrics or instrumental arrangements, subtle shifts in breath, pitch, and resonance reveal an intimate connection between human expression and the natural world.



A Decade in the Making

Tuvan musician Bady-Dorju Ondar encouraged Bauer to explore the major sixth, a pentatonic note rarely emphasized in contemporary kargyraa. By 2016, respected Tuvan performer Andrei Opei recognized Bauer's distinctive style. Three moments bring that evolution to life: the opening plunge of "The Fall," a fleeting major-sixth overtone, and a wind-like finale evoking the breathy, layered timbres of the tsuur, a traditional Inner Asian flute.

"Beautiful, rich like a river..."
— Ayan Shirizhik

"A beautiful voice..."
— Albert Kuvenzin

"A solid thumb up..."
— Ayan-ool Sam

"Powerful!"
— Igor Koshkendey

SELECTED CREDITS

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