

THE UPPER STRATA

HUE



Band
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Album name
Hue

Release Date
February 3, 2023

Genre
Indie-electronic

Sounds like
Helado Negro, Khruangbin, Unknown Mortal Orchestra

Label name
self-released

Catalog number
TUSI0LP

Tracklist
A1 Color of Spring
A2 Lenses of Rose
A3 Brake Light Red
A4 Seagrass Green
A5 Swimming Pool Blue
B1 Purple Robe
B2 Temple Gold
B3 Stolen Sapphire Blue
B4 Seven Colors

Produced, engineered, mixed and
played by The Upper Strata
Songwriting by Jonathan & Regula Sanchez

Vinyl release
Gatefold, pressed on stolen sapphire blue, 180g
Vinyl de Paris, Neuilly-sur-Marne

Favorite Hue tour-stops:
Basel (Switzerland) | San Francisco & Petaluma (CA) |
Portland (OR) | Idaho Falls (ID) | Billings & Bozeman (MT) |
Denver & Fort Collins (CO) | Phoenix & Bisbee (AZ)

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What does your favorite color sound like?

Colors excite, invite, mesmerize, inspire! Passion, motion, fire, hues that tease or take you higher. Enjoy some gorgeous tones and embark on a musical journey as sounds blend with vibrant tones.

Hue is the ninth release of The Upper Strata, a collection of color meditations. Influenced by the duo's travels - they recorded or conceived portions in Morocco, Malaysia, the US and Switzerland - and part sensory experiment.

Have you ever wanted to write a poem or a song to your favorite color? What do you think of when you see certain colors? Red, warning, danger, excitement, race cars and sex. Is blue a cool calming pool shade or a hard sapphire of a crown? Both are blue, but they are two completely different connotations, reactions, and symbolic meanings. The Upper Strata have taken color as a point of departure and explored tones and hues that mean something to them. A collection of songs based on colors that have a personal meaning and an emotional impact to the duo.

The Upper Strata is an indie cult band that has played and recorded in many states and several countries. Field recording and sampling from found sounds has been and remains an important aspect of the project's recording and creative process. From a Norwegian fjord, an ice cube in a glass, to the sounds of Berber musicians jamming around a fire in the desert, all manner of tones might end up in the songs. Further, using portable music equipment, Regula created loops while traveling in Malaysia, while Johnny filled a notebook with images and ideas. Once back in Switzerland, the duo weaved the various threads together to form the unique tapestry Hue.

At the heart of this creative duo is songwriting and musical exploration. The ways in which they bring the two together are ever-changing. With each album, you get the upper, current layer of the musical strata. Songs that defy the gravity of genres.

Live shows

For their live show, the duo programmed a video synthesizer and projects the live visuals to form a multimedia experience. Thought provoking, atmospheric, cinematic and soulful, the duo brings a wide range of sounds and ideas. A European tour is in the works.

Streaming and downloads

