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ALVIN ZEALOT

"Flux"

In the summer of 2010 Alvin Zealot's debut *Tears of St. Lawrence* found an interested audience as well as critical acclaim. The newcomers toured all over Switzerland, opened the first doors to foreign markets and were finally nominated for a Swiss Music Award in 2011. But when it came to recording the follow-up, their creative batteries were in need of a serious recharge.

Alvin Zealot started out as a group of childhood friends with a common passion for playing music. By 2008 they had knelt as zealots at the altar of rock and launched themselves into their sonic adventure with gusto. They made no secret of their lofty ambitions. That's why the sky was full of stars when their debut *Tears of St. Lawrence* catapulted the band into orbit.

What started as an adventure soon became a routine which led the musicians up an artistic blind alley. To play only for the fun of it was no longer enough to fulfil them and their search for meaning hung like a sword of Damocles over their performances. Their devil-may-care attitude morphed into a self-inflicted pressure and in their rehearsal room, the refuge of their creativity, silence increasingly dominated.

Not until several planned release dates for the follow-up album had elapsed and the band had run the risk of choking in their own doubts, did they finally find themselves together in the spring of 2012. Instead of failing to live up to the challenge, the quartet withdrew from any expectations and refocused on the basics. Alvin Zealot rehearsed their rough material into some thirty polished songs, produced fifteen of them and gave the strongest ten the right to be cut for the album. *Flux* was finally finished.

Flux. The natural state. Our moods change. Our lives change. Our feelings for each other change. Our bearings change. The song changes. The air changes. The temperature of the shower changes. Accept this. We must accept this. (David Levithan – The Lover's Dictionary)

Alvin Zealot is Benjamin (voice, guitar), Kim (drums), Jeremy (guitar) and Nick (bass).

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