

Find Yourself. Impatience. Death Blues. Acceptance. Impermanence. Iron String. The six songs that comprise Jon Mueller's *Death Blues* are each their own doorway to both a bold new musical statement from the renowned drummer/percussionist and an unprecedented journey into a conscious contemplation of death – and the life that surrounds it. Released in tandem with a multi-part manifesto, *Death Blues* transcends its own existence as 34-minute, earth-cracking rock album. Much like Mueller, whose landmark solo work stands alongside his role in notable bands Volcano Choir (and previously, Collections of Colonies of Bees), *Death Blues* embodies the acknowledgement that there's more to experiencing music than simply just listening.

Conceived and largely executed in its recorded form by Mueller himself – adding hammered acoustic guitar and bold vocal patterning to his ever-evolving mastery of percussion – *Death Blues* is audibly (and intensely) personal. However, the very act of recording was the first step in a discourse that Mueller began over a year ago, forming a band of brilliant performers from his Milwaukee, WI hometown that would go on to perform *Death Blues* at Hopscotch Music Festival in Raleigh, NC and at two sold-out *Death Blues* events in Milwaukee, where a labyrinth led the audience into a multi-sensory and participatory experience culminating in a climactic performance of the album. It was as close as one could get to being next to Mueller at that moment of discovery: of the inevitability of death as the impetus to become more present in each moment and of the necessity of building his own path to sharing that idea.

*Death Blues* is being collaboratively released by Taiga and Hometapes and is available as a limited edition LP packaged in a deluxe litho-wrapped jacket that includes the *Death Blues* manifesto; 500 hand-numbered copies of the highest fidelity pressed on 200g virgin vinyl.



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artist: Jon Mueller

title: Death Blues

format: LP

track list:

A1: Find Yourself

A2: Impatience

A3: Death Blues

B1: Acceptance

B2: Impermanence

B3: Iron String

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