

# KHALE

## SLEEPWORKS



In early 2006 singer/songwriter Kael Smith set out to write and record what was to be his first record. The initial idea was to improve upon his craft as a writer and release a stripped-down album on his own; however the resulting record, *Sleepworks*, became something much more.

After writing and recording 10 songs himself Kael changed course. Inspired by the recording techniques used by Denver-based duo Blusom, he contacted that band's multi-instrumentalist Jme White, sending him some of the raw tracks to inquire about the possibility of re-mixing them.

White accepted the invitation and suggested going a step further to re-record several songs. The two created an immediately successful working partnership, recording the song "Caldas" in one day. Momentum kicked in and four more songs were recorded with the idea of releasing an EP under the band name **Khale**. By the sixth song, "The Living Desert," a third member, Matt Heron, had become involved – adding piano, as well as working with Smith on ideas and writing. The solo album had turned into a collaboration.

Far from "stripped-down," *Sleepworks* is a lush creation that – like the effort from which it spawned - flows naturally. Buoyed by Smith's gently melodic vocals, pop-hooks and poetic lyricism, and supported by the teamwork of Heron and the deep undercurrent of White's musicianship and inventive production *Sleepworks* is exemplified by a strong group of songs like "Sister's Curiosity," the aforementioned "Caldas" and "The Living Desert." And like the dreams that sleep brings, the album offers a rich tapestry of imagery, like "a hundred little moonbeams all across your forehead" as Smith sings in "The Living Desert."

Like the work of forward-thinking similar artists such as The Notwist, Múm and Efterklang, Khale perfectly forges the organic with the electronic. As the title may imply Khale's *Sleepworks* is a record so sonically rich that the listener feels they might float away on its many beds of sound. It's simple really. As Smith sings in "Sleepworks" - "You tire. You sleep. It works." One only need listen to hear that *Sleepworks* works.

**R.I.Y.L.:** The Notwist, Brian Eno, Idaho, The One AM Radio

**ARTIST**  
KHALE

**TITLE**  
SLEEPWORKS

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OWNREC#39

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MDM 45292

**MDM PRICE CODE**  
PC 0861

**FORMAT**  
CD DIGIFILE

**TIME**  
36'04''

**RELEASE DATE**  
MAY 23, 2008

**TRACK LISTING**  
**01** GARRISON  
**02** THE LIVING DESERT  
**03** LITTLE BLACK BED  
**04** MEANWHILE, AS I AWAIT GUESTS  
**05** CALDAS  
**06** WILD TO SEE YOU  
**07** ASSEMBLE THE MEAL  
**08** MY LITTLE SISTER'S CURIOSITY  
**09** SLEEPWORKS  
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