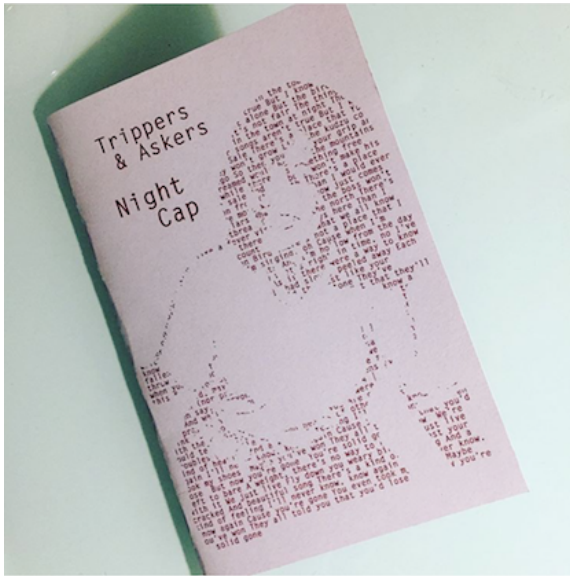


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Night Cap by Trippers & Askers



Night Cap is the first full-length album from Trippers & Askers - the band of Durham, NC based, Jackson, TN born musician, academic & nomad Jay Hammond. Trippers & Askers is project that has waxed and waned in the midst of Hammond's supporting roles in the studio and on the road with artists such as Psychic Temple (Asthmatic Kitty, Joyful Noise); Eamon Fogarty (Joyful Noise), and No Lands (New Amsterdam Records).

Night Cap is a collection of songs anchored by a love affair with an old time fiddle tune; songs wrought from the sorrow of the sudden and tragic death of Hammond's mother.

The tumultuous emotional landscape gives way to a meditative deconstruction of the traditional fiddle melody, "Old Aunt Jenny With The Nightcap On." The close mic vocal tone is a nod to the mollycoddled crooners of the early 20th century such as Rudy Valleé; a sonic tribute to maternal care and hospitality.

Co-produced by Hammond and Schlarb (Psychic Temple), the majority of the record came out of 2 days of live recording. Night Cap evokes the sun-scorched alienation of a West Tennessee strip mall, and borrows unabashedly from the Wrecking Ball spiritualism of Emmylou Harris and Daniel Lanois. Think the home life of quavering vocal breaks, pointed south. Think the thwarted dreams of cavernous string plucks, pointed north. Think about the cap at the end of a long, long night.



The Indy has called Hammond's music "immersive collages of pure sound", and Durham drummer Joe Westerlund (Califone, Mandolin Orange) has this to say: "(Jay's) one of the good ones; weaving jazz harmony structures, improvisatory arrangements into beautiful song forms. Sound heady? I guarantee if you (listen) you'll have at least 3 of his gorgeous ear worms simultaneously prodding your brain."

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