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One eskimO is an eclectic indie release that emphasizes the value of a tight group of musicians to enhance the presentation of impassioned lyrics, compelling arrangements, and the engaging vocals of **Kristian Leontiou**.



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One eskimO: *Hometime; Astronauts; Kandi; Slip; Simple Day; Givin Up; Chocolate; All Balloons; Chosen One; UFO; Amazing*

Personnel: Kristian Leontiou: Vocals; Adam Falkner: Drums, Percussions, Cajon, Vibraphone, Backing Vocals; Peter Rinaldi: Guitar, Banjo, Backing Vocals; Jamie Sefton: Bass, Horns, Backing Vocals; Martin Waugh: Guitar; Craig Dodds: Guitar; Mark Bates and Zak Rae: Keyboards, Programming; Scott Addison: Guitars; Ewan Bleach: Saxophone; Peter F. Blazer: Keys, Programming; Sonus Quartet: Strings; Kathleen Sloan: String Arrangement

One eskimO was released on the indie record label - **Shangri-La Music**; this marks the band's first release. The lyrics, arrangements, and overall texture of this release is driven by singer/songwriter Kristian Leontiou who writes from his day-to-day experiences, about life, love, losses, the highs, the lows, and the heartbreaks.

The opening track *Hometime* contains a beguiling melody that rings throughout the track and complements the harmonic vocals of Kristian who melds different emotions and feelings through his lyrics and arrangement. The track *Astronauts* moves the music to the background and focuses on the lyrics that tell the tale of a breakup when one person wants "space" and the partner is trying to deal with the situation; Kristian's lyrics and vocals are poignant and raw at the same time.

Kandi takes a different look at a relationship where one person's deep love creates blinders and confusion as to the actions of another. The lyrics pack a lot of sentiment in a few words "You've been my queen for longer then you know. My love for you has been... every step I take. ...I heard from Joe about this guy... Why? Why? Why? Did you need him, where was I. Just how close to you is he?" A moving arrangement against the touching lyrics heightens the impact of this track.

The track *Slip* carries a jazzy baseline that weaves in a little funk and pop to emphasize key passages within the song; a beautiful collaboration of words and music to obtain a desired result.

Other tracks include *Simple Day*, another memorable track whose tempo is set in motion by rapid fire lyrics;

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Givin up features the entire band opening up and letting loose which is the perfect foil to the expressive elements of Kristian's lyrics; *All Balloons* a whimsical track that characterizes the variety of arrangements on this release; *Chosen One* a beautiful ballad of love and loss; *UFO* a great pop track that brings all the elements of the band together; and *Amazing* that opens with a single horn and Kristian's vocals and the song unfolds to a crescendo that carries stunning harmonies from the band and the guest choir, and an inspiring string arrangement.

One eskimO's arrangements are the fabric that creates a perfect fit to Kristian's lyrics, which explains why after a successful solo career, Kristian went looking for musicians who he could work with to project the sound and words that were in his head, and **One eskimO** was the result.

Websites where you can procure **One eskimO** are [Amazon](#), [Tower Records](#), [CD Universe](#), [Play.com](#), **HMV**, and **iTunes**.

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