

Derek Monypeny and Kevin Corcoran

Abacomancy

LP / Book / Digital

Abacomancy (defined as "a form of divination based on the interpretation of the patterns in dust, dirt, silt, or sand") is the first record by the duo of **Derek Monypeny** and **Kevin Corcoran**. Monypeny and Corcoran have a decades-long personal and musical relationship; they played in the free-improv trio DMPH with the late tenor saxophonist Chad Stockdale, who released a 7-inch on Stockdale's Weird Forest label in 2010.

Abacomancy is the result of a one-day recording session in Monypeny's adopted town of Joshua Tree, CA in the spring of 2022. Entirely improvised, the tracks display an impressively wide variety of approaches/moods/emotions: from blistering Sharrockian skronk (Part One) to meditative Eastern-influenced shimmer (Part Three, which features Monypeny on shahi baaja), to dark, foreboding long-form drone (Part Five). There's a remarkable synergy at work here; particularly impressive is Corcoran's highly sympathetic and textural playing on the quieter, more drone-based tracks. Monypeny, whose free-improv guitar playing has not been much documented on record, presents a gamut of sounds and dynamics, taking ***Abacomancy*** far beyond a typical document of a high-energy/free-blowing session.

Shortly after the ***Abacomancy*** recording session, Corcoran returned to the Mojave Desert to make location sound recordings and photographs while staying in an off-the-grid research cabin. Following lines etched in the land by atmospheric forces and by traces of human infrastructure, Corcoran took a series of walks to observe and immerse in the desert landscape. ***Mojave Traces***, a photographic book included with ***Abacomancy***, collects compositions found in the weathered scatter of stratigraphic surfaces and the eerie stillness of industrial and agricultural disuse in expansive spaces.

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"What if Egyptian soundtrack ace Omar Khorshid had sat in with Sandy Bull and Billy Higgins? On *Abacomancy*, sight and sound are just portals into a realm that transcends concrete perception."

-- Bill Meyer, Magnet

"But hearing *Abacomancy* might impel you to doubt the evidence before your eyes. It contains long stretches where you might not believe that two guys in real time could make such a sound."

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TITLE: *Abacomancy*

Artist: Derek Monypeny and Kevin Corcoran

Format: Ltd Vinyl /500

Genre: Experimental (instrumental)

TRACK LIST:

1. Abacomancy Part 1 – 8:43
2. Abacomancy Part 2 – 6:16
3. Abacomancy Part 3 – 6:46
4. Abacomancy Part 4 – 4:51
5. Abacomancy Part 5 – 12:41
6. Abacomancy Part 6 – 5:56