

SHADOW MANTRA

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After years spent hidden away developing and evolving, Shadow Mantra is ready to stand tall in the vast ocean of music with the release of Light of the Diamond. The debut release delves into the ideas of time travel and world lines. Inspired by the visual novel Steins;Gate. It explores what it would be like to repeatedly try and save someones life while battling with the subsequent emotional strains and psychological trials.

Shadow Mantra is the creation of musician Steve M. After being introduced to an electric guitar at the age of 14 by a close friend Steve became fascinated by the instrument and the metal genre. As time went on Steve's passion for music grew. In 2009 Steve joined the Academy of Contemporary Music in the UK to develop his understanding of music and further his playing abilities, graduating in 2012. However Steve decided to return to studying in 2013, undertaking a Masters in Composition. Inspired by independent musicians such as Devin Townsend, Steve decided to create a metal album for the final part of the masters degree. The result is the self written, recorded, mixed and produced debut album, Light of the Diamond, which features the drumming talent of Rowan Tremain of At World's End.

Light of the Diamond incorporates a variety of influences, including the groove laden riffs of Lamb of God, the progressive sonic journeys of Opeth, and the sorrow filled melodic dirges of Swallow the Sun. Infused delicately amongst the metallic onslaught are contrasting, yet complimentary, instrumental soundscapes which provide momentary solace.

The artwork for the album also provides a visual interpretation of the themes. To accurately reflect the vision and ideas behind the music, Steve decided to personally hand draw the album's artwork, providing a more intimate touch to the album.

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