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## alias muted

anticon • ABR0036  
CD/2LP



- Producer behind most of sole's *selling live water*, "plutonium," and "bottle of humans," and the Sage Francis favorite "Message Sent"
- The instrumental follow up to alias's well received, 15k-selling *other side of the looking glass*
- Former member of deep puddle dynamics
- Guest vocalists Markus Acher of The Notwist and the pedestrian of anticon
- Full press campaign via Hopper PR, Radio by AAM
- World tour planned for late fall
- File under hiphop ' A and electronic ' A



**A REVOLVER EXCLUSIVE**

**alias** is the humble and once unsung, seminal iron man of **anticon** — an avenger of the producer/rapper type, whose music sounds his own at the turn of every instant. Former **Live Poet** and **sole**'s oldest partner in rhyme, **alias** left Portland, Maine, to shed skin for his California wingspan. Composing **music for his deepest shades**, he drops his anchor as an irrefutable jack of all trades.

Part Brian Eno and part Kraftwerk, *muted* is **akin to Boards of Canada or early Aphex Twin** while maintaining some of **the boom bap roots of hiphop**. **alias** uses *muted* to explore (and at times parody) the "boundaries" between what is considered **hiphop** and what is considered **electronica**. Tracks exaggerate and underline these distinctions, but the approaches are so closely fused, it's not clear where one begins and the other ends.

Sonically, *muted* is a **departure from early, sample-heavy, loop-based alias productions**, instead relying more on his **multi-instrumental talents on guitar and keyboard**. The album's **soundscapes are driven by chopped drums** and laden with **washy keyboards, eerie guitar chords, gritty fuzz** and **droney synths**. *muted* demonstrates **alias's compositional talent and his flexibility**. He sounds equally at home providing the melancholy backing for **Markus Acher's (The Notwist)** plaintive, crooning on "unseen sights," as he does supporting the staccato raps of **the pedestrian (anticon)** on "the physical voice." The result is a **moody, intimate and, at times, dark** record that is both rainy-day contemplative and rhythmically menacing, all the while maintaining its cohesiveness.

#### TRACK LISTING

1. beginagain
2. sixes last
3. again for the first time
4. unseen sights
5. shoes, cars, and softdrinks
6. caged in, wasting away
7. full circle blues
8. I would like to write a song that...
9. am I cool now?
10. chew the fat
11. the physical voice
12. one obvious rule
13. lost friend advice

**alias** *Eyes Closed* (Anticon – ABR0033) CD • LP

**alias** *The Other Side Of The Looking Glass*

(anticon – ABR0022) CD • 2xLP

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