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Jon Hopkins Presents New Meditation Piece “Singing Bowl (Ascension),” Shared As Part of 24-Hour Playlist Collaboration with Spotify

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Today, **Jon Hopkins** presents “**Singing Bowl (Ascension)**,” the first in a new series of “Meditations” that is available to stream now and appears on “**Quiet**,” his **24-hour long collaborative playlist for Spotify**. Designed with deep meditation experiences in mind, “Singing Bowl (Ascension)” perfectly fits into Jon’s transcendent selections. To create this piece, Hopkins recorded a range of vibrations created by a 100 year-old singing bowl found in an antique shop in Delhi. He then fed these into a laptop running a simple, generative system that triggered the hits and drones at random. This would allow synchronicity to play a central part in the composition process, and remove as much “thinking” as possible from the writing.

An earlier version of this generative piece was used as a sound installation at last year's **Helsinki Arts Festival**.

Hopkins further explains the inspiration behind the track: *“Like so many people I felt pretty paralysed by this situation when it first unfolded. All my plans for the year were cancelled, and everything felt so weird and dreamlike. But gradually I found I wanted to create something - to find peace and perspective through making music, as I have always done. It felt beautifully pure to just use one acoustic sound source, and no synths. It was liberating to write something without playing anything on a keyboard - to avoid the familiar diatonic scale for the first time, and thus avoid any of my own conditioned playing habits. There was a magic in setting this generative system in motion then just letting the vibrations of this bowl create their own world. I listened to harmonics layering on top of harmonics for hours and was transported.”*

In addition to the playlist, Hopkins will be taking part in a Q&A with fans, and share exclusive content today via the [Spotify Instagram](#).

Watch Jon Hopkins' “Singing Bowl (Ascension) - excerpt”

<https://smarturl.it/JHSBAyt>

Listen to “Singing Bowl (Ascension)” here

<https://smarturl.it/SingingBowlAscension>

Listen to the “Quiet” Spotify Playlist

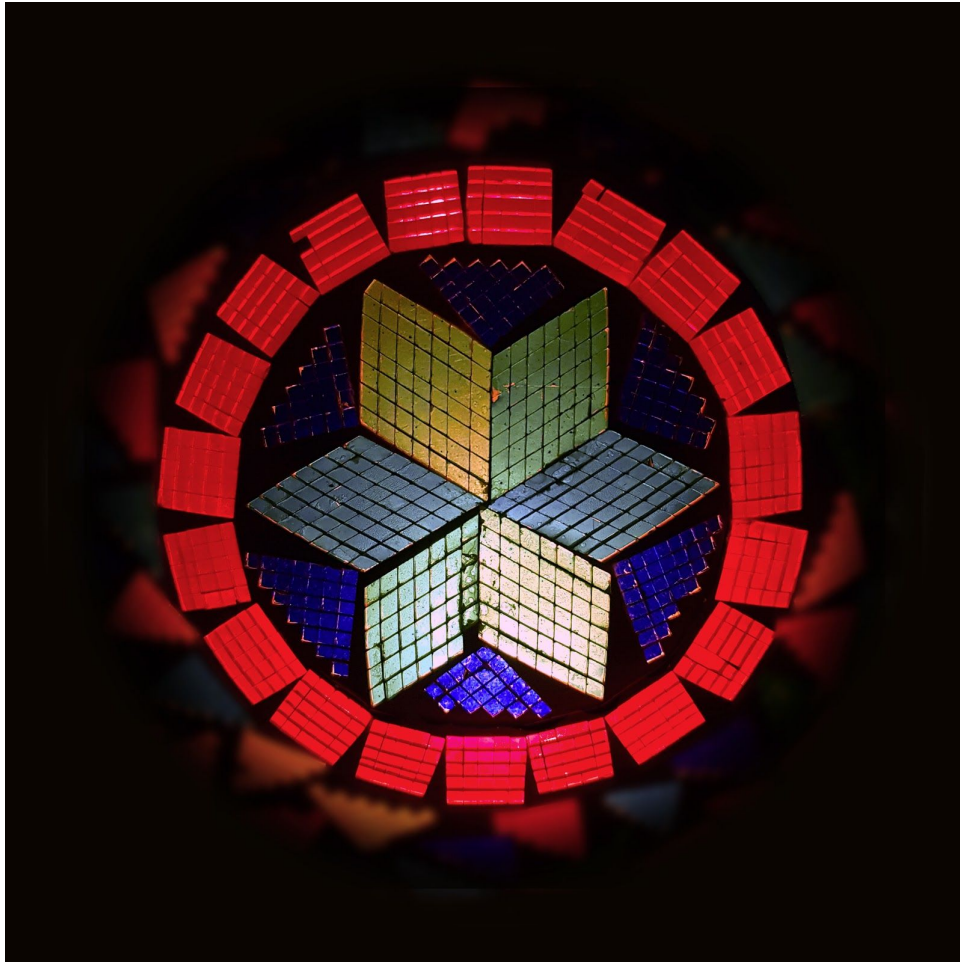
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Jon Hopkins Tour:

- Fri. Aug. 7 - Budapest, HU @ Sziget Festival
- Wed. Aug. 12 - Morrison, CO @ Red Rocks Amphitheatre w/ RÜFÜS DU SOL
- Thu. Aug. 13 - Morrison, CO @ Red Rocks Amphitheatre w/ RÜFÜS DU SOL
- Sun. Nov. 11 - Stockholm, SE @ Gota Lejon
- Mon. Nov. 12 - Oslo, NO @ Sentrum Scene
- Thu. Nov. 5 - Brussels, BE @ Cirque Royal
- Mon. Nov. 8 - Copenhagen, DK @ DR Koncerthuset - Koncertsalen
- Mon. Nov. 9 - Paris, DR @ Salle Pleyel
- Wed. Nov. 11 - The Hague, NL @ Zuiderstrandtheater
- Mon. Nov. 16 - Berlin, DE @ Philharmonie
- Fri. Dec. 4 - London, UK @ Royal Albert Hall

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“Singing Bowl (Ascension)” Track Artwork

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