## Mp3 Matt Butler - The Redwood Project



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New Age Acoustic Jamband 9 MP3 Songs NEW AGE: New Age, WORLD: World Fusion Details: What people are saying about Matt Butler's The Redwood Project CD: "Matt's record, 'The Redwood Project,' is one of my favorites of all time." - Michael Travis, drummer for String Cheese Incident Listening to this album is like taking a walk through the forest. - Ken Kesey The music captures the spirit of the forest. -Grateful Dead Almanac Drummer Matt Butler brings together some Bay Area friends for this enticing trip into music inspired by the earth. Though countless New Age albums are named after natural elements, The Redwood Project actually uses acoustic instruments rather than caked electronics to create lush grooves and a warm, reposed beauty. This refreshing music creates a relaxing, organic ambience. --Karen Hugg, Amazon.com Butler is able to create through music the sounds that emanate from the vast vegetation of the coastal redwoods. This is a miracle to hear and proof of its accomplishment is in how well the music seeps into the mind. -- Christopher Orman, Jambands.com A heartfelt and purposeful recording. Beautifully realized, this acoustically rich CD sings with the integrity of the forests it wishes to honor. Produced by percussionist Matt Butler, The Redwood Project recording and cause are both deserving of your attention and support. -- Anthony J W Benson, The Edge This album is appropriate to its subject. The soundscape has the feel of a hike in the forest, the bass and drums resembling footfalls on the trail. Although its title might suggest a new age album which simply combines sweet, soft instrumentations with nature sounds, it is not that...a muscular, yet deliciously lyrical sound. -- Dan Liss, New Age Voice Atmospheric and sultry, smooth as apple butter despite the decisive rhythmic foundation, this one is sure to sell with in store play. -- Peggy Randall, NAPRA ReView Cover Design of the Year 2000 - New Age Voice Magazine Crossroads Music Awards 2000 Acoustic Revolution Bronze Star Winner The Grateful Dead Almanac featured The Redwood Project on their Community Page: The

Redwood Project is a musical celebration of the redwood forest inspired by the majesty of the ancient trees and the struggle to protect them. Composer/percussionist Matt Butler along with a stellar cast of musicians delivers organic grooves that take you on a jamming ambient journey through the forest. " What makes this album special," as explained by Butler, "is how the redwoods inspired the musicians. We started each day of recording by taking a hike in the big trees, letting their ancient wisdom seep into our souls. We visualized embodying and protecting the trees with our grooves and melodies, and aimed to capture the different moods and spirits of the forest in the jams." The Redwood Project features performances by Butler, didgeridoo master Stephen Kent, Greg Anton (Zero), Robin Sylvester (Missing Man) and Butler's former Jambay bandmates Chris Haugen (strings), Mike Sugar (bass) and Shelley Doty (vocals) along with the chanting of Thupten Lama, a Tibetan lama you may have seen performing with Mickey Hart and The Grateful Dead in the early 1980's. Matt describes his intention in creating The Redwood Project as, "bringing the experience of the ancient forest to people who don't have access to it. Once touched by the beauty of these forests, it's hard for a person to sit still and watch them disappear. And now that there is less than 4 of the ancient redwoods left, it would be a good thing to motivate people into action." The music captures the spirit of the forest in a way that reflects Butler's desire to inspire, unify and empower the community that is protecting the forests. The album is a benefit for EPIC (Environmental Protection Information Center). Since 1983, EPIC has led a heroic effort to protect California's ancient redwood ecosystem through public education, citizen advocacy and litigation. For more information, contact: The Environmental Protection Information Center P.O. Box 397 Garberville, CA 95542 (707) 923-2931 wildcalifornia.org

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