

Mp3 Life Trip - Chronicles



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A synthesis of progressive and pop styles with perceptive introspective lyrics and psychedelic overtones. 18 MP3 Songs ROCK: Progressive Rock, ROCK: Psychedelic Details: Artist history Hello and welcome to the world of LIFE TRIP. LIFE TRIP was started in Greensboro, NC by Chip Symonds (vocals, keyboard, sax, flute, guitar, bass) [1993]. Originally a solo project, LIFE TRIP released two cassettes (full length) and an EP (7"vinyl). "Life Trip" EP-1993, "Astrolabe"-1994, "Passage"-1995. In 1996 the "Adobe Ride" cassette was released with the help of Rob Brame on bass and guitar. Rob co-wrote the song "Zero Gravity" along with Chip. For the 1st CD "Mental Travelers" Chip wrote some of the material with Rob as well as percussionist Mark Wagoner [1997]. In preparation for the next CD "Tranquillity" (2000) LIFE TRIP did some shows with original Grateful Dead keyboard player Tom Constanten, and members of the now defunct Asheville, NC based band WHEREVER IT GOES, influencing the highly jam based sound now developing in the group. Over 100 shows followed, a radio appearance on the Carolina show-Guilford College, and web cast from the Brewery Raleigh, NC on the Digital Club Network (digitalclubnetwork.com). The "Cosmic Boogie" CD (2001) has a "psychedelic jazz-rock-folk" feel recorded live with Raphael Schiavone on drums, Malcolm Fields on bass and background vocals, and Chip Symonds on guitar, sax, flute, and vocals. Also in 2001 LIFE TRIP released "Chronicles" a compilation CD of unreleased songs as well as songs from the first three cassettes remixed to 24 bit digital. Another live CD with guest appearances from members of NONE THE WISER and The SKELLINGTONS called "World of Evil" and a follow up to "Chronicles" "Chronicles II" was released in 2002. In 2003 LIFE TRIP celebrated it's 10th anniversary with the CD "Unknown Journey" a compilation of the most progressive songs from the two Chronicles CD's and the new four part title track. Also a compilation "Live Edition" from the LIFE TRIP live CD's with the unreleased mega jam "Sound of Life"

from "Tranquillity" era LIFE TRIP. 2004 and 2005 saw the waning of the band format and Chip Symonds decided to go solo using a drum machine and loop station. Live Shows were billed as "LIFE TRIP ONE MAN SHOW" or "CHIP SYMONDS" or just "LIVE MUSIC with CHIP" as in the recent 16 weeks Sunday night's at Ham's restaurant in Winston-Salem, NC. At present I am working on some new material for release possible in 2006 and a new project called CLAMOR (artistlaunch/clamor.com).

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