

Mp3 Mathien - Head, Heart...& Hands



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group battle of the bands competition, and sold out shows at the University. Chris recalls, "I just remember calling my friends because I didn't see them at my show, and they were like, 'we tried but we couldn't get in!'" In 2007, Mathien released his first full-length CD, Head, Heart. . . & Hands, a journey through the inner workings of his eclectic and obscure palette of influences. Head, Heart. . . & Hands establishes Mathien as a prolific songwriter, multi-instrumentalist and passionate producer. Aside from a rap appearance, there is no song on the record that Mathien did not perform entirely or engineer himself. There is an extensive marketing and promotional push behind the release of Head, Heart. . . & Hands headed up by Mathien's management and street teams. Tour dates are currently lining up for winter of 2007 as well as into the spring of 2008. Please check out myspace.com/mathien for more information. Top Honors in Artist House Music Songwriting Contest billboard.biz "Mathien's entry, "The Hard Way," blends soul and R&B elements to create a magnetic track." George Howard artistshousemusic.org "Mathien is undeniably talented. He is unique and timely without being trendy or derivative."

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