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wanted to be. Portland, Oregon has a reputation as an art-friendly city with a bustling local music scene, so she took a chance and moved 1000 miles north. In 2009 she released her first EP, 9. A bold and unabashedly artistic piece of work, 9 finds Natasha all but abandoning her traditional influences and conservatory training to create brilliant new music. Somewhere between left-field hip-hop, modern R B and experimental electronic music, 9 shows Natasha's dedication to art that is relevant and relentlessly original.

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