

Darto

Human Giving



Tracklisting

1. Gdls
2. I Am
3. Omniscient
4. Fell III
5. Truss
6. No Self
7. Human Becoming
8. Character Study
9. Guiding Light
10. Aging
11. Within/Without
12. American Storyteller

Label

Aagoo Records

Format

CD/LP/Digital

Release Date

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Web Utilities

<http://lifewithdarto.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/Dartowa>

EPK & Downloads

<http://www.fiverosespress.net>

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About the band & the release

Despite all of its catchy qualities, *Human Giving* by **Darto** is a difficult album to pin down. The lyrical phrasing, and melodies have been stuck in my head for months. The mood is set immediately from the first note of "GDLS", enveloping the space around the listener. By the time "I Am" enters, the sound and feeling transitions from lush and inviting, to focused and intentional with the keyboards and strings propelling the movement and allowing the lyrics and accompanying melodies to float along seamlessly. The feeling is similar to being lulled into a dream. Like any dream spell you have no idea until you wake.

As the record progresses splashes of Americana seem to emerge, painting subtle pictures of the American West, or a vast expanse that we would associate it with. It's a momentary visit to those places as **Darto** keeps moving, exploring new worlds. "Character Study" is a prime example of such. The eerie beauty that surrounds this song positively shakes me. The most ecstatic moment of the album also arrives in this song. It takes me to a place filled with light, and oddly enough this is as close to psychedelic as this album gets, despite the psych realms the band takes us with songs like "Guiding Light" or "Aging".

The album ends with the gorgeous "American storyteller".

It's cinematic and soft. The picture, the scene that is painted in my mind is in black, white and silver. As the title states, this is a story, an open story, suggestive but with room for the listener to fill in the blanks. An apt way to close a record where the constant is an emotional hook that dives into the human condition.

- Alec, Aagoo

Darto Members:

Gordon De Los Santos

Gregory Flores

Candace Harter

Nicholas Merz

Human Giving: Recorded between Sept 2015-Jan 2016 by **Darto** in a cabin in Cle Elum, WA, and our home in Seattle.

Mixed in Aug 2016 by **Cory Hanson** at Comp-ny in Burbank, CA .

Mastered in March 2017 by **JJ Golden** at Golden Mastering in Ventura, CA.

"We didn't play shows or hardly go to shows for a year and a half to write and record the album. The album comes from the places within us where hope and love exist. Where the focus is not on the self, and suddenly everything is possible. Humans giving themselves to other humans. The power of listening on all fronts."

- **Darto**