

Meridian Lights is the song writing team of vocalist Bradley Valentin and guitarist Yohimbe Sampson. They have completed their second release. The album is "self titled" and features bass player Jean Shepherd and drummer Drew McClean.

Bradley and Yohimbe both grew up with heavy musical and art influences in the home. Music was part of celebrating the greatest moments of life, maintaining optimism during it's trials and served as an outlet for self expression.

Yohimbe, self-taught, started playing guitar as a teen and honed his skills studying the instrument and playing with various bands, one being popular Brooklyn based Rap/Rock band Game Rebellion. Bradley, writing since the age of 12, has penned everything from short stories to poetry. He started singing as a teen in his mother's church choir. "at home I was introduced to many different genres and I always paid attention to the vocalist."?

After crossing paths several times while living in the BedStuy section of Brooklyn, it all came to head at a party where Yohimbe grabbed a guitar and nobody would sing. Brad stood up, they started rocking and haven't stopped. The band has been featured on Metro NY, MTV Iggy and The Deli Magazine to name a few, and are no strangers to the stage having played Knitting Factory, SOBs, Public Assembly, Ella Lounge, Arlene's Grocery and various other music venues in and around New York City.

Meridian Lights defies genre with influences of rock, soul, world and electronic music. A masterful fusion of Bradley's powerhouse vocals with Yohimbe's feverish guitar, songs touch on trial, optimism, love and sex. Says MTV Iggy, "With their trippy, soulful, rock grooves that bang across cascading, sensual rhythms, it's hard not to fall in love with Meridian's do or die style."



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#### **SHOWS**

**Brooklyn Museum** Schomburg Museum SOBs **Knitting Factory Pianos** Hard Rock Cafe (Philly) Treehouse Lounge (D.C.) Cabin Tavern (Bellingham, WA) NYNE Lounge (Spokane, WA) El Corazon (Seattle, WA) LeVoyeur (Olympia, WA) Lucky Lounge (Austin, TX) The Rattle Inn (Austin, TX) Absinthe Lounge (DAllas, TX) Super Funhouse (Houston, TX) Caspar Community Center (Caspar, CA) TownFuturist @ Oakstop (Oakland, CA) + more

#### **FESTIVALS**

African Street Festival (Brooklyn, NY) BAM's Dance Africa Festival (Brooklyn, NY) Backwoods Music Festival (Stroud, OK) Conscious Culture Festival (Tonasket, WA) The Peace Tour (New Orleans, LA) NXNE (Toronto, Canada)







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"Brooklyn duo Bradley Valentin and Yohimbe Sampson make up Meridian Lights. Together, the two craft a mixture of rock and soul tunes courtesy of Bradley's songwriting abilities and Yohimbe's guitar strings."

- Saint Heron

