



Nautical Records proudly announce the release of:

# OCCUPYING FORCES

by  
HALO BLIND

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With the release of their second album *Occupying Forces* Halo Blind explore creeping paranoia, soul-searching spirituality and everything in between.

They present a high-concept progressive album that describes a search for spiritual understanding against a backdrop of socio-political angst. As Chris puts it –

"We wanted to explore the inner journey kicked off by the death of a loved one - the desperate need to make sense of the forces that animate us and what happens to them when we die. The album expresses frustration directed at those universal elements of existence that we can't control, and contrasts it with anger at our generation's apathy and unwillingness to act on the things that we can."

Drawing on elements of contemporary progressive alternative-rock and indie, and inspired by the likes of Sigur Ros, Pink Floyd, Boxer Rebellion and Radiohead, Halo Blind create a hybrid that's engaging, dynamic and immersive.

Their debut album *The Fabric* and its subsequent tour cemented the band a reputation as a high energy, must-see live unit, won them the award for **Best New Band** from the **Classic Rock Society**, and secured them a place on the Garden Stage at the **Isle of Wight Festival**.

Plans for a series of special performance events to support *Occupying Forces* later this year will be announced shortly.

The new album is imbued with a true emotional authenticity and range. Whether through the direct, fearless songwriting, or the nuanced, inventive musicianship, there's a lot going on both above and below the surface in the songs. Powerful and complex, yet completely accessible, Halo Blind make cerebral music that rocks.

*"...an incredibly diverse and accomplished, exceptional debut album... the level of musicianship is extraordinary"*

Sonic Abuse

*"...nothing short of a UK Prog Supergroup"*  
Prog Magazine

*"dark and mysterious, longing and foreboding"*  
The Musician

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