

# Maobi

PRESS BOOK





Maobi was born by the meeting of Arnaud Roy (Harp and Kora) and Gary Lawrence (Vocals and Guitar).

With a same interest for different kind of music stretching from bands such as Mogwai, Tinderstick to Miles Davis; they forge their own musical universe.

The critical harmonies of the harp mingle with the profound vocals in intimate composition on the border of post-rock and atmospheric sounds. The duo doesn't hesitate to sometimes flirt with jazz improvisation and traditional African sound with the kora and percussions.

Those two composers are joined in a quartet formation with Julien Desrante (bass) and Pascal Delage (drums). This rhythmic section enables the band to explore more abrupt fields, more saturated sounds and complex grooves.

Apart from the unusual presence of an harp in such a formation, Maobi also distinguishes itself by a stunning visual creation.

Anael Seghezzi draws and paints live, stories and painting on their computer and the images are projected on a screen in front of the audience.

In January 2011 the band releases their first album: « The Fire Within » under the association Terra Incognita.



# THE MUSICIANS



Arnaud ROY – Composer, Harp & Kora

Arnaud follows a double cursus in music and in sound engineering.

His first passion are jazz and post-rock, he then discovers the kora and traditional african music who will influence him a lot in his compositions.

He takes part in a lot of artistic projects such as the compagny «La Machine» and with the french harp maker CAMAC to promote the MIDI harp.

Gary LAWRENCE : Composer, Singer & Guitar

Gary starts opening for bands like Baby-chaos and Girls Against Boys in the late 1990's in independant music festivals.

He then creates the pop-rock band «Immune» and signs on the label «Still». Immune releases two albums : «Sound Inside» in 2006 and «Until Morning» in 2008.

In 2009 he releases a solo album «Absence Movie Tones». This same year he meets Arnaud...





Pascal DELAGE : Drums

Drum teacher at the Conservatoire National of Poitiers. Pascal works on jazz improvisation. He has played for 20 years in many professional bands and projects.

Julien DESRANTE : Bass & Doublebass



Studied doublebass at the Conservatoire, he plays jazz and classical music in many projects.

Anaël SEGHEZZI - Drawer, Painter

Anael is influenced by comic-strip drawers such as Joan Sfar, Frederic Peeters, Enki Bilal and digital graphic design. He has created the software he uses to draw live and create movement on the images.



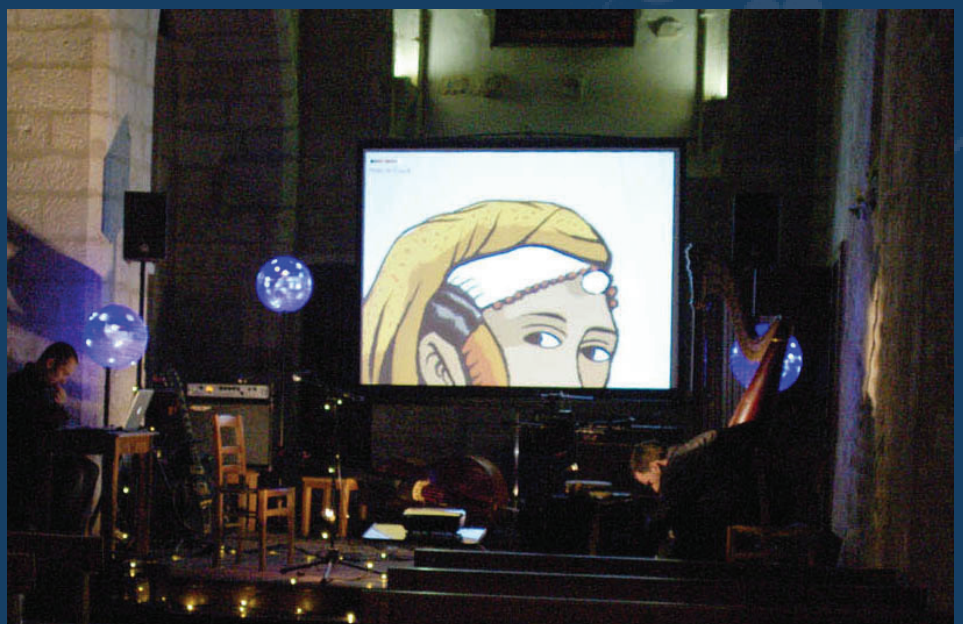




The album «The Fire Within»  
You can listen to the album on Deezer  
or any download platforms.



Festival International de la Bande Dessinée, 2010



In a church in Charente, 2011



La Sorellina, Bordeaux, 2010



Angoulême 2009



Charente, 2011

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