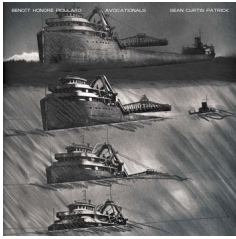


Brainwashed - Benoit Pioulard/Sean Curtis Patrick, "Avocationals"

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Beacon Sound presents a first-time collaboration between Thomas Meluch (aka Benoît Pioulard) and Sean Curtis Patrick, entitled *Avocationals*. Over the course of nine songs, the two use synthesizers, reel-to-reel tape machines, field recordings, guitar, and processed voice to conjure the ghosts of 20th century Great Lakes shipwrecks.

Wintery, yet humming throughout with a narcotic warmth, *Avocationals* offers the listener 41 minutes out of time, evoking not only a distant past but also something of what may lay ahead.

As the artists themselves write, "An avocational is an amateur diver who assists in rescue, investigation and salvage relating to watercraft disasters. Thousands of freighters and small ships sank during the mid-20th century golden age of shipping on the Great Lakes; this album is about nine of them."

More information can be found [here](#).