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## ***Atlas Maior*** ***Four Shades***

Austin, TX - The world fusion group Atlas Maior announces the release of their debut full-length LP album *Four Shades*, available December 2, 2012 in CD format and mp3 format from online music retailers (iTunes, Amazon mp3, Google Play).

Atlas Maior's *Four Shades* is an intensely emotional instrumental album that highlights the group's diverse musical influences from across the globe. The group maps diverse musical traditions by placing Middle Eastern, North Indian, West and North African as well as Latin American musical idioms in dialogue with one another. Diverse in sonic textures and musical styles, this emergent Austin world fusion group highlights a variety of musical traditions while balancing intimate moments of sincerity with powerful cinematic melodies and incendiary rhythmic grooves.

The result of nearly two years of creating original material and performing throughout Central and East Texas, *Four Shades* was composed, arranged and produced by Atlas Maior and recorded in Mohr Music Studios throughout the course of Summer 2012. The group is an integral piece of the emerging and vibrant world, traditional and international live music scene in Austin, TX, and is actively performing in Central Texas, San Antonio, Houston and Dallas. Atlas Maior's *Four Shades* is a medley of both soulful and driving melodies played on the 'ud (Middle Eastern lute) and alto saxophone, swimming through the water-like waves of the Indian *tabla* drums and other non-Western traditional percussion instruments.

This sound has brought the band recognition on KUT 90.5FM's "Austin Music Minute", and Atlas Maior invites further media reviews of the group and the *Four Shades* LP. The group's 2011 *EP* has received radio play on KUT 90.5FM Austin, KVRX 91.7FM Austin, KRTU 91.7FM San Antonio, while the upcoming *Four Shades* release is expected to receive radio play on stations throughout Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Dallas, Nashville, and Los Angeles area.

Atlas Maior will celebrate the debut album by hosting a Album release party Sunday December 2, 2012 (6pm-10pm) at Esquina Tango (209 Pedernales Street, Austin TX 78702), including performances by Atlas Maior, Son Armado, and DJ Chill Akilas.

Event Info: <http://www.facebook.com/events/497099696986925/>

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