

PETE SAMPLES

BEKONSCOT

Pete Samples is on his way out.

Working as a one-man creative force, Pete Samples mindfully crafts each of his albums as an author would a storybook set for a grander life. A skilled multi-instrumentalist, he approaches his music as a production – not one song thought of without the others, not one album released without the pure and fantastic experience of a live show taken into account. His approach to music production is simple, refreshing, and powerful. It is of a fan first and musician later: always creating for the shared, yet intimately individual experience that music has the magical ability to locate.

Bekonscot, Pete Samples' latest and final album, is an ode to memories past – a summary of ideas, of concepts, of visual and auditory experiences. As a maker of miniatures, Pete Samples was inspired by the album's namesake, *Bekonscot Model Village*, the world's first outdoor miniature landscape. Just as the model village is placed in a natural environment, taking advantage of each of the senses in unison, this album assumes a similar approach. It is the spirit of *Bekonscot*, with its charming imperfections and ability to be both small and grand that make it special. Featuring out-of-the-ordinary instrumentation and unusual production techniques, this is at once a delicately lush soundscape and an aggressive beat-heavy pop experience. Included in the release of *Bekonscot*, the album, is a collection of new and old songs, a tiny book of a series of miniature models, a 45-minute concept video, and a handmade embroidered leather case, bound together with a personally-chosen button and string.

"There is only so much one man can accomplish". This is Pete Samples' final album, one that reflects his last 8 years, one that finally feels complete. He asserts that it isn't a dramatic ending, it's simply the beginning of something new.

Bekonscot will be released November 23, 2010, in a limited edition run of 200 handmade copies, and will also be available as a free digital download on www.petesamples.com. A tour will follow in the spring of 2011.

More information for those who may not know:

- Pete Samples is from Winnipeg, Manitoba but has spent the past several years in Montreal and Vancouver.
- Pete Samples has released several albums: *An Unsent Letter* (2004), *Yours Makes Mine* (2007), *The Jumper Cables* (2008), *Pete Samples Mixtape* (2010), *Bekonscot* (2010)
- *An Unsent Letter* was selected in CBC Radio 3's top 20 albums of 2004.
- *Yours Makes Mine* reached #2 on the iEarshot Electronic National radio charts, and closed the year off as one of the top 10 albums of 2007 in the same charts.
- *The Jumper Cables* reached #1 on the iEarshot Electronic radio charts in July 2008 and #15 in the top 50 charts.
- Pete Samples has been touring Canada playing with a number of Canada's great indie bands including, Laura Barrett, Rich Aucoin, Patrick Watson, Valleys, Torngat, Dan Mangan, Women, Rebekah Higgs, Hexes and Ohs, The Superfantastics, Maybe Smith, Sinewave, Maylee Todd, etc.



"Pete Samples is the kid you played with in the sandbox who was always building his sand castles a little more intricate than you ever could."

- FWD Weekly

"See him now, brag to your friends later."

- NXEW (North by East West)

"With all this creativity... it's hard to believe there isn't more, but patience is a virtue when it comes to a refined sound much like this."

- iEarshot

"Who the hell is this guy and where did he come from? I'm hooked, I'm hooked."

- CBC Radio 3

