

THE RED BARN SESSIONS

SON OF THE VELVET RAT & THE GHOST AND THE MACHINE

Son of the Velvet Rat, in partnership with the Ghost and the Machine (the professional alias of Austrian singer-songwriter Andi Lechner), follow up on the former's 2024 standout album Ghost Ranch with a series of six digital singles, recorded live, to be released one a month beginning in March 2025. The songs feature a rawer, more immediate sound than previous recordings, with Lechner's National resonator guitar often tuned down several steps to add an ominous underpinning to the music.

Son of the Velvet Rat divide their time between their home in Graz, Austria and Joshua Tree in California's high desert. Their songs reflect a sonic landscape stretching from the Old World romanticism of Jacques Brel or Fabricio de Andre to the visionary realm of American balladeers like Bill Callahan or Michael Hurley. Lechner hails from Vienna, Austria, where aside from helming Ghost and the Machine, he is a much-in-demand session guitarist.

These songs were recorded live at Gar Robertson's Red Barn Recorders in Morongo Valley, just down the hill from Joshua Tree, and produced by Altziebler and Lechner. Rounding out the rhythm section are fellow desert-dwellers Janie Cowan (Bob Dylan's Shadow Kingdom) on standup bass and Danny Frankel (Lou Reed, Spain, She & Him) on drums and percussion.

Improvisation alternates with composed passages. The dynamic ranges from fragile folk to ferocious noise - with colors and transitions being hazy and obscured.

The Red Barn Sessions capture the poetry created by the confluence of these blurry shades.

The first song to be released is a posthumous homage to David Lynch, called Inland Empire.

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TRACK LISTINGS

1	Inland Empire	04:35
2	Blue Ribbon	03:30
3	Out In The Blue	04:08
4	For Free	04:41
5	Prayers (You're Not Bold Enough To Say)	03:59
6	Day Of The Dog	04:03
7	White Patch Of Canvas	02:51
8	Wagon Wheel	04:08

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