Just 6 months after the release of their critically acclaimed debut album “Sunshadows”, The Echocentrics return with a new EP called “Echoland.” The EP is a tribute to the inimitable hip hop producer Timbaland, featuring live instrumental (with one vocal tune) reinterpretations of classic Timbo tracks. The sound continues as southern-fried, laid back and psychedelic, with a flare for the cinematic....all the while staying true to Timbaland’s retro by way of the future funk.

The Echocentrics is a project by grammy award winning producer/musician Adrian Quesada, best known for his work with Grupo Fantasma, Brownout and Ocote Soul Sounds. DJ, tastemakers and good music fans alike raved over the now cult favorite debut album, released earlier this year. While writing the follow-up to “Sunshadows” Quesada found himself occasionally hitting walls and struggling to make creative progress. The result was what began as a couple of “exercises” into dissecting the minimalistic genius of Timbaland to get the creative juices flowing and turned into a collection of songs equal parts desert psychedelia, late 60s soundtrack and funk and soul. Why Timbaland? Because he’s dope. And because in the musical contradiction was presented a challenge.

Generous servings of slide guitar, buckets of reverb, sprinkles of avant garde piano and cinematic horns all sit atop tough drums to remind you these are Timbaland songs after all. Brazilian chanteuse Tita Lima lends her sultry voice to a cover of Aaliyah’s “We Need a Resolution” sang in Portuguese and the ubiquitous Todd Simon (Meyer Hawthorne, TV on the Radio) provides a horn arrangement for Jay Z’s “It’s Hot”. Recorded at Quesada’s Level One Studios in Austin, TX with some help from Spoon’s Jim Eno at Public Hi-Fi, “Echoland” should be a part of any music lover’s collection, sandwiched right between your Morricone and your Petey Pablo.

1. Hola Hovito 1:02
2. Raise Up 3:21
3. We Need A Resolution 4:31
4. It’s Hot 3:22
5. Party People 3:20
6. We Need A Resolution (Instr.) 3:47

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