

T I L E S

pretending 2 run

Hailing from the fertile Detroit music scene, **T I L E S** features Chris Herin (guitar), Jeff Whittle (bass), Paul Rarick (vocals) and Mark Evans (drums). Formed in 1993 on the heels of a production deal with **Gene Simmons** of KISS, **T I L E S** has developed a *structured-yet-spontaneous* compositional style that blends the adventure of progressive rock with an aggressive hard rock edge.

T I L E S has released five studio albums worldwide and recently commemorated their 20th anniversary with a pair of live recordings, *"Off the Floor 01"* & *"Off the Floor 02"*. The band has worked with renowned producer **Terry Brown** (Rush, Fates Warning) since 1997 and celebrated artist **Hugh Syme** (Aerosmith, Rush) since 1999. Their breakthrough third album *"Presents of Mind"* received praise from drummer **Mike Portnoy** who invited **T I L E S** to tour Europe with **Dream Theater** in 1999. Over the years the band has been nominated for several Detroit Music Awards in the Best Rock Album category and 2008's *"Fly Paper"* album features a guest appearance by guitarist **Alex Lifeson** of **Rush**.

Now, after eight years..., **T I L E S** returns with a vengeance by delivering the mesmerizing 2-CD magnum opus *"Pretending 2 Run."* Clocking in at over 96-minutes, *"Pretending 2 Run"* is an ambitious and richly crafted song cycle spinning the tale of a man blindsided and disillusioned by betrayal. Brooding and expressive, **T I L E S** explores the dark subject matter by blending stylistically diverse musical elements. Lyrical string arrangements, haunting choir performances, ambient textures and lush vocals co-exist with thundering drums, weaving bass lines and an army of guitars to create a vivid experience that delivers the story's emotional journey from isolation to redemption.

T I L E S teamed up again with producer **Terry Brown** – and with mastering by Grammy award winning engineer Peter Moore, *"Pretending 2 Run"* boasts a powerful and detailed sonic landscape. Complementing the dramatic and multi-layered storyline is **Hugh Syme's** striking and surreal imagery. Featuring a lush 28-page full-color booklet, the design and packaging for *"Pretending 2 Run"* is an elaborate and stunning work of art.

Lending their talents to *"Pretending 2 Run"* is an extraordinary collection of special guest musicians: **Ian Anderson** (Jethro Tull), **Mike Portnoy** (Dream Theater, Winery Dogs), **Adam Holzman** (Steven Wilson Band), **Mike Stern** (Miles Davis), **Kim Mitchell** (Max Webster), **Colin Edwin** (Porcupine Tree), **Kevin Chown** (Tarja Turunen, Chad Smith), **Max Portnoy** (Next to None), **Matthew Parmenter** (Discipline), **Mark Mikel** (Pillbugs), **Joe Deninzon**, and other notable guests from the Detroit area...

Destined to be on the radar of Prog fans everywhere, *"Pretending 2 Run"* is a distinctive presentation framed in the grand traditions of progressive rock. Clearly and unmistakably **T I L E S**, but infused with a more expansive sound as the guest artists propel the band into new directions sure to please fans old and new.