

Album review: Astronautalis

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Florida native Andy Bothwell has been tirelessly recording, touring and producing music under his stage name "Astronautalis" for nearly 10 years. Often touted as our generations' most talented raconteur, his fusion of hip-hop, rock and roll, and the indie genre is a testament to the amalgam that contemporary music has become.

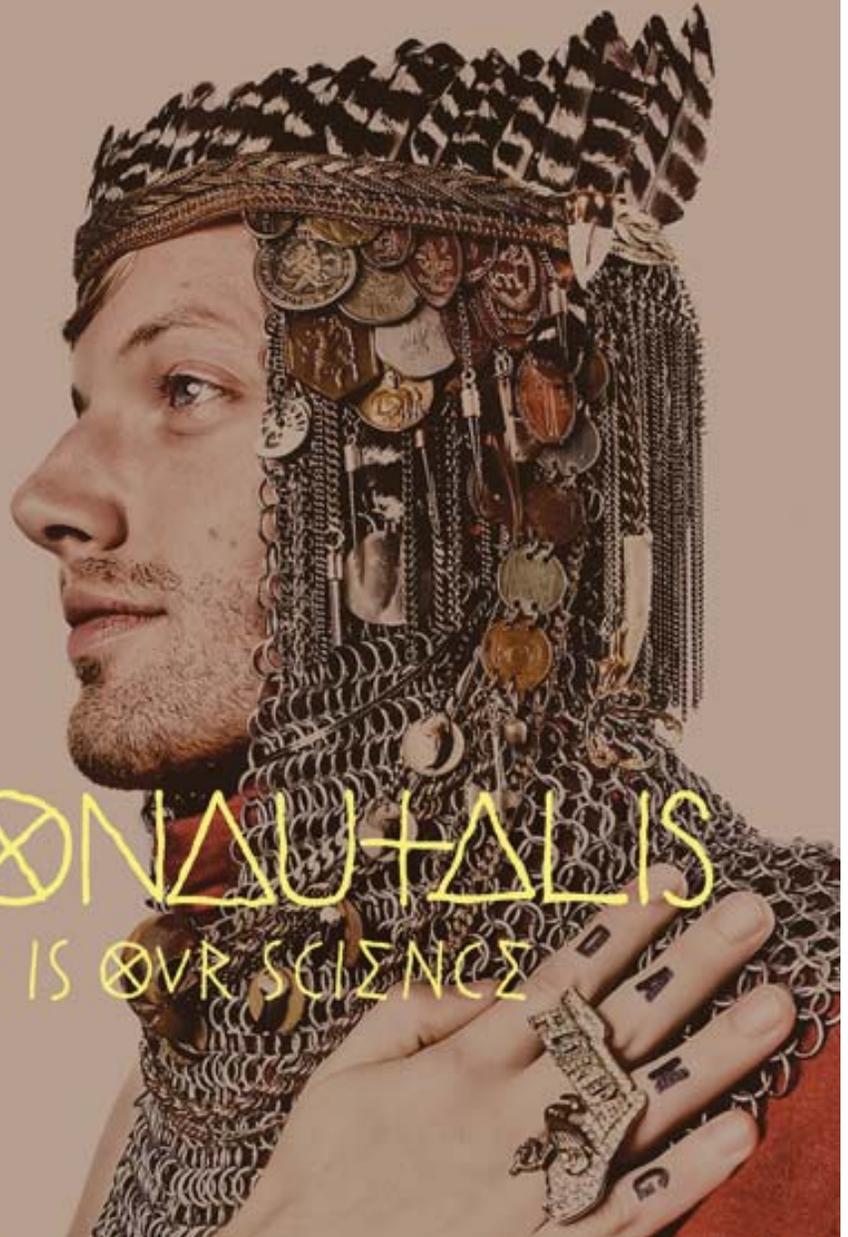
The libretto entitled "This Is Our Science" is Bothwells' fourth album and like anything worth listening to, it becomes more fluid with each listen. Each song is written sequentially, so that each track transitions to the next seamlessly, painting a bigger picture when the album is listened to straight through. "This is our Science" spent four days in the iTunes top ten most downloaded albums list last week.

His voice breaks free from the confines of hip-hop on "The River, The Woods" and the intricacies in the production give the listener a glimpse into his repertoire. With a quiver of styles and influences, his fervor blossoms with each track.

Bothwell has been touring with and opening for the Canadian indie act Tegan & Sara for the past year through Europe and Australia, after co-producing their new album. Tegan Quin appears on the track "Contrails," and her voice reverberates beautifully, giving the song its name.

Astronautalis is about to begin his North American tour, and the closest venue to Brevard is in Charlotte on Nov 1st at the Milestone.

"Measure the Globe" is my favorite track on the album. Part love ballad, part pithy insight giving credence to something larger than us; Bothwell ends with "I couldn't tell you dear, which one whispers in my ear, the Devil or St. Andrew...But I know its time to go. I'm sure you got a great theory, if I'm hunting something or its haunting me, know there ain't no right way to measure the globe...Oh no....Oh no."



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