

Derek Piotr

*Divine Supplication*

Bandcamp CD / DL

US based folklorist, researcher and musician Derek Piotr's latest draws on an eclectic variety of sources, from medieval melodies and ecstatic Americana to mystic rambling and samples of other artists' songs.

Collaborators range from his 16 year old Auto-Tuned self to a roster of guest performers that includes Fennesz, Scott Solter and Gabber Modus Operandi's Ican Harem. Piotr simultaneously approaches these sounds like an archivist and composer, assembling them into a strangely alluring tapestry that feels both new and timeless. Period instruments like Rowan Gatherer's hand-built lyre mingle with shuffling beats and snippets of digitally altered vocals. On the title track, Piotr reworks a song by My Brightest Diamond, ending on a prophetic pronouncement: "*Whoever hears this is saved and whoever tells it is blessed and whoever writes it will receive paradise*". Salvation received.