**Arkesia's new EP entitled “Celtic Whispers - Tales of Love and Water” out from Friday, March 7th**

*Music is a bridge between worlds, a universal language that transcends time and space. With Celtic Whispers - Tales of Love and Water, Arkesia weaves together the ancient voices of Celtic Europe with the sounds and emotions of distant lands, inviting us on a sonic journey through myths, seas, lost love, and love rediscovered.*

Through instruments from diverse cultures, traditional tunes are transformed into timeless tales, where every note echoes stories that resonate across the globe.

The journey begins with **The Skye Boat Song**, a ballad about the “nostalgia for oneself”. Born as a Jacobite song for Charles Edward Stuart, this melody captivated Robert Louis Stevenson in the 19th century, inspiring the author of *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* to rewrite its lyrics. Arkesia reinterprets this version, made famous by the series *Outlander*, with the harp played with a bow like a cello, harmonica and tin whistle dancing together, while the bodhrán and the sound of a sailing boat, recorded in a harbor in southern Italy evoke the sea carrying away memories.

A very different mood is found in **As I Roved Out (And Who Are You?)**, a lively and playful track, possibly dating back to the 17th century, that humorously recounts a romantic encounter between a soldier and a beautiful girl. The Irish bouzouki, mandolin, Chinese erhu, and flutes paint the different scenes of the story, while cymbals and a shamanic drum add a touch of magic.

The third track, **My Jolly Sailor Bold**, is the melancholic and seductive song of a lovesick mermaid, written in the 18th century and revived in modern times thanks to the film *Pirates of the Caribbean*. Guitars and harp create a suspended atmosphere, the choirs swell the waves, while Silvia Bilotti's *flageolet* vocal register transports the listener to the depths of the ocean, where love and destiny intertwine.

**Ethniù-The Dove** is the only original track on the EP and tells a myth of love, a story of captivity and liberation, of light triumphing over darkness. The harp, erhu, and flutes weave dreamy melodies, while harmonious choirs narrate the transformation of Ethniù (imprisoned in a tower since birth by the evil King Balor, her father) through the power of love.

In the end, humanity is one great story: a song that repeats through the centuries, with different words but the same heart. *Celtic Whispers - Tales of Love and Water* celebrates this unity, taking the listener on a journey where the past meets the present, and every voice becomes part of a single, magical sonic tapestry.

“Celtic Whispers - Tales of Love and Water” will be available on all digital stores from March 7, 2025, released on the Maxy Sound label.

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