

tool's creativeness POLLUTES THE AIR with refreshing music

The much anticipated album of unparalleled rockers Tool has finally been released. Known for hypnotic resonance, tranquilizing beats, and cog-nate lyrics this band knows how to welcome attention.

Lateralus is similar to past albums of *Opiate* and *Anemia*, but includes textures resembling A Perfect Circle; without a doubt a focus on mellow instrumentation and repetitive chords dominate the album.

Tool's new CD was greatly inspired by Nine Inch Nails, Massive At-tack, and PJ Harvey. As a result mixtures of Floyd, Rush, and King Crimson.

As far as the lyrics, Maynard James Keenan commented at a press conference, "This time around I think it's really about understanding who you are and becoming a conscious being living in your own skin."

In the current single "Schism" Maynard sings about communication among lovers and watch-ing relationships fall apart. I feel as though Maynard, overall, lost Tool's spirit since his Perfect Circle journey. However, his vicious howls remain persistent.

The clinking of Danny Carey's drums manages to overpower guitar strums of Adam Jones and Justin Chancellor in many songs. This, customary of Tool's character.

Overall an absorbing album.....*Lateralus* is half Tool, half Perfect Circle. -Written by Neil

TOOL TIMELINE

- 1990-Tool forms in Los Angeles
- 1991-Tool tours Europe opening for Rage Against the Machine and the Rollins Band
- 1992-Tool releases *Opiate*
- 1992-Tool opens for Fishbone
- 1992-video "Hush" released
- 1992-1993-Tool opens for Korn and the Melvins
- 1993-Tool releases *Undertow*
- 1993-Tool tours Lollapalooza
- 1993-video "Sober" released
- 1994-Tool tours with Korn
- 1994-video "Prison Sex" released
- 1996-Tool releases *Aenima*
- 1996-video "Stinkfist" released
- 1997-video "Aenema" released
- 1998-Tool goes to court over a record label contract with Freeworld Entertainment
- 1998-Tool tours Ozzfest
- August 15, 1999-Maynard James Keenan and members of A Perfect Circle announce formation at their first performance in Los Angeles
- May 23, 2000-A Perfect Circle's *Mer de Noms* released
- 2000- A Perfect Circle tours with Nine Inch Nails
- 2000- Tool rumors dates of new album
- December 2000-Tool releases DVD/Video/CD set *Salival*
- early 2001-A Perfect Circle launches 42 date tour
- May 15, 2001-Tool releases *Lateralus*
- 2001-video "Schism" released
- May 15 through May 26, 2001-Tool tours Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit, and New York City
- May 26, 2001- Tool launches European tour
- August, 2001- Tool US tour with King Crimson opening

A BRIEF BIO ON TOOL FRONTMAN MAYNARD JAMES KENNAN

Maynard was born in a Baptist family in Ravenna, Ohio and went to Brown Jr. High and then Ravenna High School. After his Sophomore year at RHS, Maynard moved to Scottsville, Michigan and in 1982 entered the army. In 1984 he became a member of West Point , but quit and studied art at Michigan's Kendall College of Art and Design. In the late 80s his band the Children of the Anachronistic Dynasty (CAD) re-leased an independent tape called "Fingernails." Maynard was also in a band called the TexAns. Tool formed after Maynard became friends with his neighbor Danny Carey while living in Los Angeles. OTHER FACTS: Favorite band was Kiss when he was 12, 1st concert was Rick Springfield, has son named Devo born 8-25-95

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Many of tool's songs have names that either don't make since or are part of a different lan-guage, here are a few meanings of the titles of songs on *Lateralus*.

"MANTRA"
word or formula chanted or sung as a prayer

"SCHISM"
division within, separa-tion from church or relig-ious body over some doctrinal differences

"PARABOL"
to tell or to explain

"PARABOLA"
set of points in a plane

"LATERALIS"
situated to or at one side

"TRIAD"
group of three

"FAAIP DE OIAD"
'Voice of God' in Enochian language

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