

Scattered Light

What if light were sound?

What if you could hear the light rays streaming through your windows?

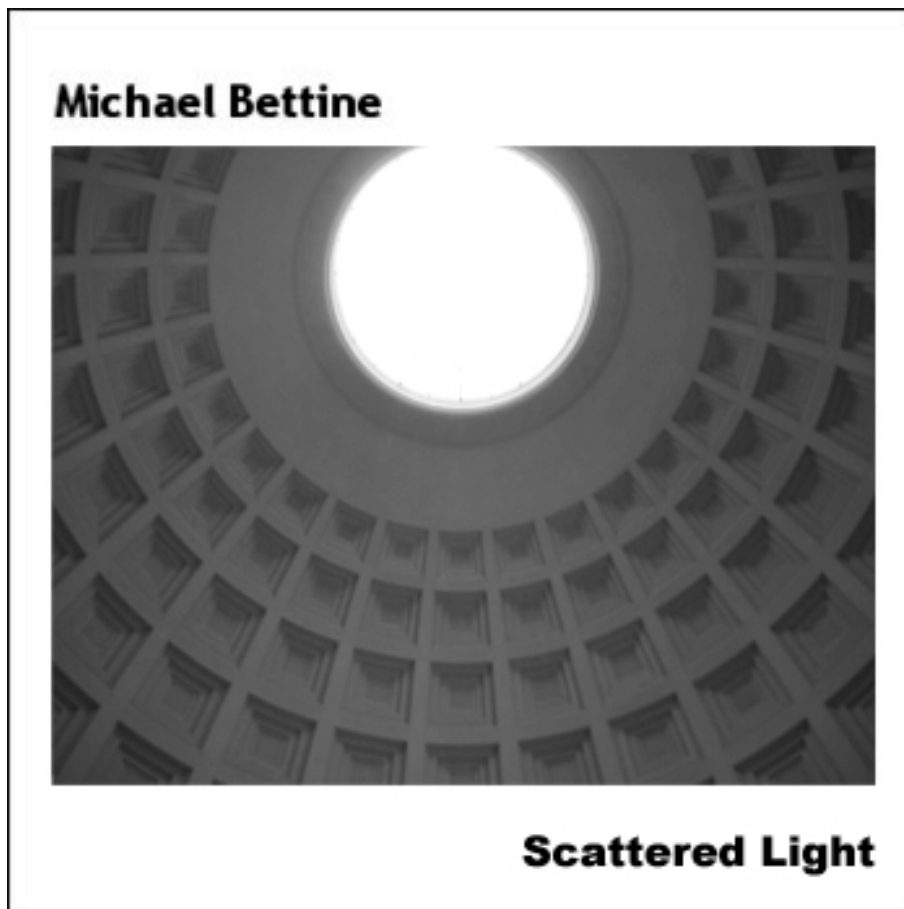
SCATTERED LIGHT is just that. Like 2010's SOUNDINGS, which imagined percussive sounds underwater, SCATTERED LIGHT imagines sound as light waves moving through the air.

Like most of my projects, SCATTERED LIGHT started as a thought, an image held in my mind of sound moving like beams of light, moving through different mediums, scattering, reflecting, and refracting in all directions.

And again, like SOUNDINGS, everything was recorded live to 2-tracks, and then mastered. One thing to note, other than a bit of reverb added to facilitate the open, airy sound (my studio is very dry, which gives me more options at mixing & mastering), there are NO effects on this recording! All sounds are produced by various Gongs and metal objects, played in real time, and manipulated with different mallets/striking implements, and also manipulated by hand.

So breathe deeply and enjoy the light...

~ Michael Bettine



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Gongs used on this recording:

Paiste

- 32" Symphonic
- 32" Sound Creation Earth
- 28" Jupiter Planet
- 26" Sound Creation Sky Prototype
- 24" Sound Creation Water
- 24" Venus Planet
- 22" Accent
- 20" Symphonic

Michael Paiste

- 23.5" Water
- 23.5" Volcano
- 20" Wind

Wuhan

- 24" Chau
- 22" Wind (with center bowing hole)

UFIP 20" ART I Prototype

Custom Tone 19" Steel (x2)

Steve Hubback 18" Iceland

Tracks:

Scattered Light #1
Scattered Light #2
Scattered Light #3
Scattered Light #4
Scattered Light #5
Scattered Light #6
Scattered Light #7
Scattered Light #8

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Someday perhaps the inner light will shine forth from us, and then we'll need no other light. ~Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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