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Master Remixers EarthRise SoundSystem Get What They Deserve; Four-EP Remix Project Series Features Top Producers Re-Working EarthRise's Funky, Diverse Original Recordings. Next Up: Volume 2: *Awakening*

EarthRise SoundSystem, the duo of David 'Duke Mushroom' Schommer and Derek Beres, has mixed dozens of international music and electronic superstars in their eight years working together. Now the tables are turned as the second EP in **The EarthRise SoundSystem Remix Project** launches on Black Swan Sounds on Friday, December 4th.

Awakening represents the dance floor side of things. The EP kicks off with legendary New York City DJ **Nickodemus** raising the elevation on 'Always,' originally a downtempo track featuring vocalist **Renata Youngblood** and Grammy-nominated cellist **Dave Eggar**. The Turntables on the Hudson and Wonderwheel Recordings founder turns up the bass and adds serious swing while creating a remix that's destined to warm up DJ sets worldwide. Nickodemus is a global traveler with a trademark aesthetic that's heard from the very first note on this beautiful cut.

Duke Mushroom steps up to remix 'Rock Beats Paper,' the title track from EarthRise's last album. The Afrobeat original—featuring vocalists **Kevin Mambo** (who played Fela Kuti in the Broadway musical, *Fela!*) and Kirtan Soul singer **C.C. White** (Barry White's niece)—is taken up a notch with a Euro House vibe. Mushroom's incredibly percussive ear, not to mention hands (he was a founding member of *Stomp*), comes alive on this upbeat banger with the spirit of gospel.

'Intention,' EarthRise's biggest hit to date from their debut, *The Yoga Sessions*, is turned up roughly sixty BPM by New York City DJs and producers **deejaysoul & don_cerati**. **Morley's** ambient vocals become the perfect accompaniment for a conga-driven tribal house stomper perfect for peak hour sets.

The end of the night comes with **Mark Basta's** 4aMDMA remix of 'Daylight as Sunset,' featuring **Lucy Woodward** on vocals. Basta cut his teeth spinning vinyl at Long Island's famed Caffeine parties in the early nineties. A house lover and producer, his deep groove is the most atmospheric on the EP. The dance floor might be cooling off a bit, but in no way is it over with this bass-driven gem.

Future releases from this series include *Expanding*, a rootsy record including rompers by Maga Bo and The Spy From Cairo, as well as a jazz-infused throwback by Black Swan's DJ Drez; and *Floating*, a down- to midtempo collection that includes Bombay Dub Orchestra, Sonomad, and Black Swan's Eccodek.

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