

Protestant Work Ethics new album **Are Wading in the Shallows** [KONKORD 090] ... is a godsend! It's a rare moment of luck for those who can't have enough of Simon Usatys coy approach towards american roots-music. Those who are familiar with the band already know what to expect: the formidable musicians Stephan Bauch, David Schweighart and mastermind Simon Usaty are on a mission, again exploring the realms of essence and tranquillity in american folklore. Simons fragile, sometimes falsetto-like vocals and his occasional outbursts of banjo-craze are leading the way through the endless shallows. And a huge cast of guest-musicians such as Meaghan Burke, Werner Kitzmüller and Martin Siewert are following trustingly in his wake, keeping it simple but opulent, wide eyed at times but never afraid of the unknown. Wade on, **Protestant Work Ethic**, wade on! And while you're at it, keep on delivering these tunes of melancholic desire and stubborn longing we've so desperately been waiting for. **Are Wading in the Shallows** is a very emotional album for the advanced listener of low key americana. Each of it's 12 songs is depicting a scenery of incredible sincerity and frail beauty ... man, this album will make you wanna hug all the musicians involved and never stop doing so.

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