

# WAVETABLE

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## BRAND NEW STUDIO ALBUM FROM LONGSTONE – SAKURA

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Sonic experimentalists Longstone announce the formation of their new record label Wavetable for the release of their 7th studio album, Sakura. Sakura was produced as a response to the Earthquake and Tsunami in Japan and is initially released as a limited edition of just 100 copies in hand printed packaging, with all money taken donated to the Japanese disaster fund. The album will also be made available as a download via all major digital outlets.

Recorded during various sessions over the last few years, Sakura comprises of 9 pieces of music collaged together in classic Longstone style. Longstone are experts at selecting and sequencing disparate musical material into fully formed cohesive albums and this continues to be the case with Sakura. The experimental electronica of Mike Cross and Mike Ward is blended organically with improvised woodwind, percussion, and guitar, creating a fascinating suite of music - ranging from alien soundscapes, through to Krautrock infused, motorik pulses.

"We have many Japanese friends and wanted to do something lasting to both raise money for the relief effort and help in a small way to keep this enormous disaster in the public eye. It was great to collaborate with a talented team of people to get this package made including the Japanese artist Chie Konishi who designed and hand printed all the sleeves. "

### LONGSTONE:

Mike Cross & Mike Ward - Electronics. effects, synths, toys, programming

### With

Chris Cundy - bass clarinet, saxophones, recorder, gadgets and voice changer

Kev Fox - electronics, lap steel, toys, effects

Steve Moody - Fender Jazzmaster guitar, effects

Stuart Wilding - percussion, shelf brackets, household gadgets

The album will be supported by live dates around the U.K. as well as press, internet and radio campaigns to include targeted advertising.

## LONGSTONE BIOGRAPHY.

In the fourteen years since Mike Ward and Mike Cross began working as Longstone they have been busy. Without the luxury of a major label budget they have released 7 albums, 2 studio mini albums, 2 live recordings (their performance at the New York CMJ festival (10") and Live at Highbury Garage when they were joined by Echo and the Bunnymen's Will Sergeant) and have contributed a multitude of tracks to assorted independent 7", compilation and fanzine releases. They also play live around the U.K. on a regular basis (including appearances at the 2011 Cheltenham Jazz festival and 2008 Stranger songs festival) both as Longstone and in other guises, including The Serpents and Brickwerk. They have worked with other artists and musicians including Will Sergeant, Sonic Boom, Paul Simpson and members of the Guillemots on studio and live projects. Previous releases proved radio favourites with John Peel and Mary Anne Hobbs on Radio 1 and crossed over to Radio 3 with plays on Mixing it and Late Junction. Longstone have also contributed a themed, two hour special for Resonance FM. They have enjoyed press coverage in a wide variety of publications such as the Wire (including a track on the Wiretapper 17 CD), Future Music (including a featured interview and track on the cover mounted CD) and a two-page article in the Guardian about the recording of the Serpents album.

When not playing with Longstone the other band members are equally busy performing, recording and collaborating with many other acts;

Chris Cundy - The Guillemots, Grace and Delete, Gannets, Courtesy Group, Nik Turner and many more.

Kev Fox - 90 Degrees South, The Serpents, Brickwerk

Steve Moody - Silverman, Brickwerk,

Stuart Wilding - numerous improv groups and performers including Keith Tippett  
Lol Coxhill, Hugh Metcalf

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