

## **Biography:**

**Last Out Ark** is a genre blending instrumental music project based in Vancouver (xʷməθkʷəy̓əm, Skwxwú7mesh, and səliilwətał lands) and Montréal (Tiohtià:ke), Canada. Its members can be found performing regularly in the Montréal, Calgary, and Vancouver music scenes and have variously attended the Banff Centre for the Arts, received nominations for the Western Canadian Music Awards, and toured across Canada, the USA and Europe.

Following up on their 2017 debut LP “*Wake*”, which featured lush textures and warm analog sounds, Last Ark Out’s new video album project entitled “*Lift*” is a 7 song LP and multimedia video project featuring music written with a host of incredible guest artists in mind. The album features blistering performances by GRAMMY-award winning drummer Larnell Lewis (*Snarky Puppy, Laila Biali*), Sasha Berliner (*Tyshawn Sorey, Nicholas Payton*), and Hailey Niswanger (*Esperanza Spalding, Terri Lyne Carrington*), as well as JUNO-award winning saxophonist Allison Au, viral drum sensation Sarah Thawer, and Montreal keyboard stalwart David Osei-Afrifa.

Generously funded by the Canada Council for the Arts ‘Digital Now’ program, *Lift* was released on February 23rd, 2024, with PR and marketing support from Orange Grove Publicity and JazzFuel. Look for a review of *Lift* in the May 2024 edition of the legendary Downbeat Magazine.

Last Ark Out is:

Justin Gorrie (saxophone, guitar, EWI)

Arthur Smith (guitar)

James Huumo (keyboard & piano)

Jeff Gammon (bass)

Colin Parker (drums & percussion)