





AVA MENDOZA electric guitar

JAMES BRANDON LEWIS tenor saxophone

DEVIN HOFF electric bass

CHES SMITH drums

- 1. DYSCALCULIA (7:06)
- 2. ECHOLOCATION (6:45)
- 3. INTERWHINING (6:50)
- 4. BABEL-17 (5:45)
- 5. NEW GHOSTS (5:02)
- 6. DIABLADA (4:44)
- 7. THE STUMBLE (6:53)
- 8. TEN FORWARD (6:09)







Compositions:

Echolocation, Interwhining, New Ghosts, and Diablada by Ava Mendoza (BMI) Dyscalculia, Babel-17, The Stumble, and Ten Forward by Devin Hoff, Jessie the Dog Songs (ASCAP)

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MUSIC, among other things, can be experienced as a measure of time and space. Music is also a measure of human relations, with each other and with the world we inhabit.

Certain animals—including bats¹, shrews², dolphins³, and whales⁴—use sound to find their way through space and time by decoding sonic refractions. This seems like a fitting metaphor for how music helps humans⁵ collectively decode our own experiences of our world and our lives, through the alchemy of transfigured sound.

James, Ches, and the two of us
have intersected with each other as
individuals in various situations for
decades. The original impetus of this
group was Ava's, based on the love we
share of aggressive and polyglot electric
avant-garde ensembles that revolutionized
how we both heard music. We shared the
writing of these pieces, though without
the sizable stamps of both James and
Ches, they would sound nothing like
they do here.





