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CALEXICO (USA)

*Album: The Thread That Keeps Us*

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With less polish and more grit than ever before, *'The Thread That Keeps Us'* both honors enduring traditions and reveals Calexico's confidence in songwriting. The ninth studio album from Calexico, *'The Thread That Keeps Us'* is due out on January 26th through City Slang and provides a timely snapshot of the Arizona-bred band: a family portrait capturing their stylistic variety and unpredictability while still finding solace in limitless creativity.

In bringing the album to life, vocalist/guitarist Joey Burns and drummer John Convertino found a spiritual home in unusual surroundings—not in Arizona, but on the Northern California coast in a home-turned-studio called the Panoramic House. Built from debris and shipyard-salvaged timber—and dubbed “The Phantom Ship” by the band—the grandiose house and its edge-of-the-world-like ambience soon made their way into the songs. The specter of California also had a powerful effect: as both dream state and nightmare, its infinite duality is mirrored in the music, giving Calexico a new direction and new edge. With less polish and more grit than ever before, *'The Thread That Keeps Us'* both honors enduring traditions and reveals Calexico's supreme confidence in songwriting, ultimately setting a whole new standard for the band.

As heard on the album's lead single and opening track, the drama of the landscape directly impacted the making of *'The Thread That Keeps Us'*. Driven by sing-song melody and galloping rhythms, “End of the World with You” discovers an unlikely romanticism in volatile times. With its lyrics illuminating “Love in the age of the extremes,” the track is the perfect intro to an album that endlessly explores the contrast between bright and dark, hope and fear.

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