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Mike Florio has released *Artifacts Volume 1*, a compilation of experimental pieces, scoring cues and song demos recorded over a 10 year period. The album features an enthralling collection of epic themes, sweeping soundscapes, gentle ambience, rockin' grooves and more.

"I had so many of these cool pieces of music lying around that I figured it was time to assemble a bunch of them into a proper album." says Mike. "I also threw a few extras online – including some video demos - for those who get the CD. This is different from the progressive rock stuff most people associate me with, although there are certainly traces of that in many places."

"...really wonderful keyboard-driven primarily-instrumental prog-soundtrack-rock!"

– Eddie Jerlin, Everlasting Arms

"Good symphonic pop from America, a solo multi-tracked recording... Catchy vocals like Cannata, heavy synth reminiscent of Tony Banks, and piano reminiscent of Ton Scherpenzeel (Kayak). Shades of New Age and original soundtrack music are evident, but the Prog influence is everywhere."

– Garden Shed, Japan



Mike visiting Japan's primary prog CD shop, Garden Shed, which has stocked both his albums.

"Not only is Florio a brilliant keyboards player, he also has a superb voice/vocal style... listen to the great tune: "Jerry's Theme", a little song that wouldn't have been out of place on a Toto or Foreigner album!! Most of the album is instrumental, with ... keyboards to the fore and I can detect some leaning to Tony Banks (Genesis) style composition, but also hints of Alan Parsons Project here and there, that is a good thing in my book!! Some of the themes would be great for cinema/moving pictures as there are great dramatic feel to most of them!"

– Tonny Larsen, ProgPlanet.com



Mike's cover of ELP's 'Eruption' and 'Stones of Years' (from *Tarkus*) is one of the video extras.

Artifacts Volume 1 is available at [CD Baby](https://www.cdbaby.com) and [iTunes](https://www.apple.com/itunes). Please visit Mike's website at www.massdream.com for more information.