THE SILVER PESOS

The sound of the Silver Pesos – tropical bass, soulful vocals in Spanish and English, hints of West African guitar psychedelia – seems like a cross-cultural project. And that's partly true.

The core members of the Pesos are American, but their music is the result of a collaboration across several continents. Producer Peter Brambl recorded the album in Los Angeles, Paris, Belize, and Bali, working with local musicians along the way and incorporating the distinct sounds of each locale. Singer Chloe Conger, who lives part-time in Mexico, draws from diverse inspirations like Caesaria Evoria and Nortec Collective to create lyrics that feel like timeless folk-blues. And guitarist/co-producer Robert Weber maintains his own studio in Indonesia, where many of the tracks were recorded with a local rhythm section.

The resulting album sounds like walking through a multi-level house party with an ecectic mix of DJ's — one room is playing Jamaican dancefloor, another Afro-pop, another shoegaze electronica.

The debut record, Born at Midnight, was released in February 2011. The first single, Regresando, has been featured on many programs including shows by KCRW DJs Garth Trinidad, Raul Campos, and Aaron Byrd. Currently based in Los Angeles, the band will be playing live versions of the new material this spring.



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