## Cult of Orpheus Chamber Music. Art Song. Poetry.

**Time-wise Animals** is the forthcoming debut album and poetry chapbook from Cult of Orpheus, featuring original sonnets of Christopher Corbell, set to music and performed by Corbell with cellist Sonja Myklebust.

**This project** is a fusion of poetry, music composition, and intimate performance. Each song is through-composed, giving it a unique structure that follows and reinforces the text in a way rarely heard in more repetitive song forms. Corbell's artistic voice is at once crafted and organic, supported by adroit guitar work and arrangement sensibilities honed in chamber music, art-song, and opera as well as indie-acoustic and rock bands. Myklebust brings to the project a devotion to the art of the cello, a keen sense of lyrical expression, tone, and interpretation.

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Sonnets by C. A. Corbell

Cult of Orpheus

**Live performances** by Cult of Orpheus focus on the fusion of text and music, often supported by reciting of the poetry. This is engaging for a wide variety of audiences, from indie acoustic scenes to poetry circles to chamber music audiences to other literary and fine arts communities.

Cult of Orpheus was founded in 2013 as Corbell's composing and show production vehicle. The group is a finalist in the Willamette Week 2016 "Best Of Portland" poll in the category "Classical Artist." Prior productions

include the sold-out, three-night world premiere of *Viva's Holiday: An Opera in One Act.* 

Corbell & Myklebust began collaborating in early 2016. Venues that have hosted Cult of Orpheus performances include:

- Valentine's
- The Jade Lounge
- The Star Theater
- Vie de Boheme
- The Waypost
- Abbie Weisenbloom's
- The Late Now

They have shared the stage with local and touring acts including Courtney Von Drehle, Three for Silver, various poets, opera singers, and chamber ensembles.



Sonja Myklebust, cello, and Christopher Corbell, guitar, at Vie de Boheme, Portland

In addition to headline and supporting performances, Corbell and Myklebust are available for master classes, workshops, and educational performances.

Now booking for 2016 and 2017 — contact <u>Booking@CultOfOrpheus.org</u> soundcloud: <u>https://soundcloud.com/cultoforpheus/sets/sonnets</u> web: http://cultoforpheus.org