

KEPLER TEN

Kepler Ten Biography

James Durand - Vocals, Bass, Keyboards
Steve Hales - Drums, Piano, Backing Vocals
Richie Cahill - Guitars, Backing Vocals



Kepler Ten at The 1865 Southampton (with Alistair Bell)

Previously:

Richie Cahill 2014-2017 and 2025 to present - Guitars
Mike Tillotson 2017-2018 - Guitars
Alistair Bell 2019-2024 - Guitars

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Album Releases

Delta-v - 2017 - White Star Records

A New Kind of Sideways - 2020 - White Star Records

Random Number Generator: Ep.1 - 2025 - White Star Records



Delta-v



A New Kind of Sideways

Single Releases

Time and Tide - 2016 - White Star Records

Video: <https://tinyurl.com/muuda3d4>

Swallowtail - 2017 - White Star Records

Video: <https://tinyurl.com/mrxx6d2x>

Two from the Top - 2020 - White Star Records

Video: <https://tinyurl.com/2zvvhbr>

Falling Down - 2020 - White Star Records

Video: <https://tinyurl.com/2b8tk8mn>

Weaver - 2020 - White Star Records

Video: <https://tinyurl.com/3yv5s556>

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James Durand, Steve Hales and Richie Cahill began Kepler Ten in 2014 having worked together on different projects for 5 years. With James and Steve coming from a progressive rock background and Richie providing a harder, bluesier rock guitar the band influences were diverse. Muse, Rush, Yes, Dream Theater, Queensryche, Van Halen and Queen.

Kepler Ten signed to Chris Hillman and John Mitchell's White Star Records in 2016 releasing the single - Time and Tide - later that year, followed in 2017 by the full album release - Delta-v. The album was a hit with reviewers and new-found fans, scoring the band a nomination in the UK Prog Awards at the end of 2017 along with many inclusions in journalist's top 10 albums of that year. Shows with Lonely Robot, Von Herten Brothers, HRH Prog VI and more followed.

Unfortunately, due to pressures outside of music, Richie had to step away from the band and Mike Tillotson joined the lineup to fulfil tour commitments.

Then followed a difficult 18 months with Steve suffering a back injury which sidelined him for almost a year. Mike departed the band during this period and James and Steve withdrew to the studio to concentrate on writing new music. In 2019 recording sessions started in earnest. Over an hour of exciting new material was ready but a guitarist was still needed. After auditions from an ad on their social media pages Alistair Bell joined the band. This incredibly technical Scot, with his diverse array of influences, immediately started work on tracking the album. In 2020 the band released the lead single and video - Falling Down - followed a few months later by the full album - A New Kind of Sideways. The album was well received, described by Malcolm Dome at Prog Magazine as "a breathtaking experience". The second single - Weaver - featured on many playlists but unfortunately the covid pandemic scuppered the band's plans to properly promote the release.

Recovering from that period was hard for everyone in music and Kepler Ten was put on ice while the band concentrated on other projects. During this time Steve wrote a multi-part, lyrical story - Random Number Generator - designed to be a series of short-form albums. James and Alistair began writing music for this thought-provoking adventure and the three took their time, growing the RNG project over the next couple of years. However shortly before completing the first episode of the story Alistair departed the band to pursue new adventures.

James and Steve were committed to releasing RNG complete with Alistair's guitar tracks as it not only told the initial episode of the RNG story but was a fitting tribute to the work they had achieved with him during his time in the band. However, who would now play guitar moving forward? Enter a familiar face, original guitarist Richie Cahill. Steve had reconnected with Richie during the Covid years and the three of them agreed to put the original lineup back together.

The Random Number Generator series is initially only being released online. This plays into the "digital world" themes of the album as well as the episodic nature the story. It will run alongside regular Kepler Ten album releases which will be on CD and possibly vinyl and James, Steve and Richie have already begun writing for the next full length album.

Tour preparations are also well underway and the band are putting together a long set to incorporate songs from A New Kind of Sideways that they were unable to gig properly before, as well as tracks from Random Number Generator and favourites from Delta-v. Tour dates to follow.

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