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Singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist behind Le Concorde

Stephen Becker is the principal songwriter, vocalist and multi-instrumentalist for Le Concorde, a Los Angeles-based synth pop group whose latest single, “Corpus Christi,” pays tribute to Eucharistic Miracles and soon-to-be-canonized Blessed Carlo Acutis. “Corpus Christi” is the first single off Le Concorde’s forthcoming album, “Second Mansions,” a lush, soulful and celebratory work that, like “Corpus Christi,” brings Catholic spirituality and mysticism into the sophistipop genre made famous by 80s UK groups such as Prefab Sprout, The Blue Nile, Aztec Camera, and Simple Minds. The new work from Le Concorde follows upon four critically

acclaimed releases: a debut self-titled EP (2004), the full-length album *Universe and Villa* (March Records, 2005), the *Suite* EP (Le Grand Magistry, 2007), and the full-length album *House* (Le Grand Magistry, 2010).

Becker, a revert to the Catholic faith, was born and raised near Seattle, and earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in Communications Studies from Northwestern University.

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Le Concorde is the brainchild of LA-based composer-songwriter, Stephen Becker. Originally born of 80's UK influences now known by the nouveau genre-moniker, "sophistipop," Le Concorde reintroduced this high style to the world of indie-pop music in the mid-00s, pulling in personnel from Scritti Politti and The Psychedelic Furs for a series of release on iconic indie-pop labels, March Records and Le Grand Magistry. .

The new single "Corpus Christi" (from the forthcoming album, "Second Mansions") is a song of miraculous signs, geographical entanglements and the future parton saint of the internet, Carlo Acutis.

The single features an ensemble of legendary personnel from Scottish producer Calum Malcolm (The Blue Nile, Prefab Sprout) to drummer Ash Soan (Seal, Trevor Horn), bassist Vinzenz Benjamin (ABC, Paul Young), and keyboardist Roger Joseph Manning, Jr. (Jellyfish, Beck, Morrissey).

The full album features a cast of legendary personnel from Pino Palladino and Paul Jackson, Jr. to Jamie West-Oram and Roger Joseph Manning Jr. and many more.