

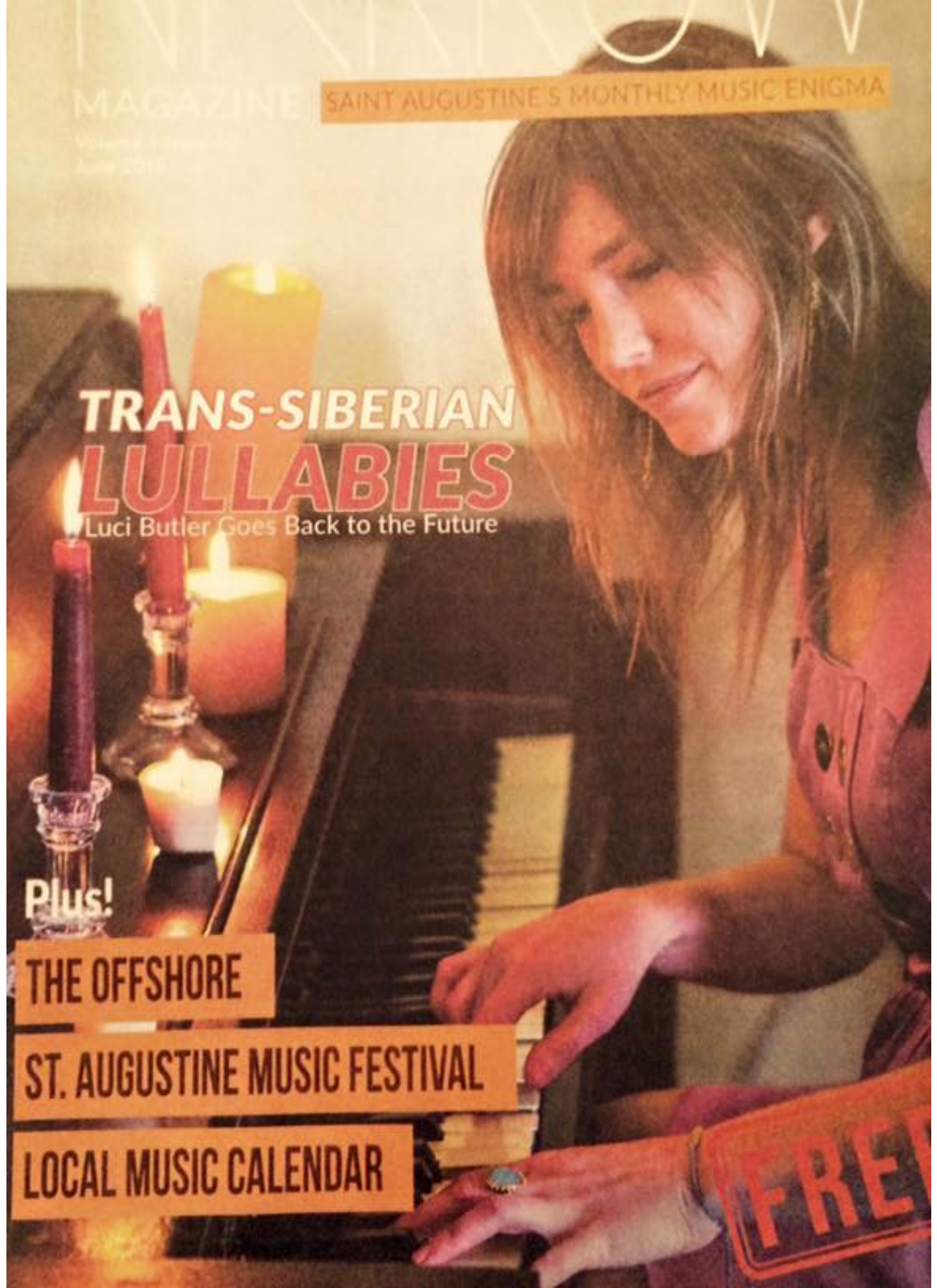
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A Trans-Siberian
Journey finds
'Lullabies For
Dreaming'

By Dave Kasciolek



Sitting in a St. Augustine Beach "healthy, organic type" restaurant with Luci Butler, I realize that twenty minutes after arriving we still hadn't ordered. Not that the waiter wasn't

persistent in his efforts, but from the time we sat down, there was just so much to talk about. Who had time for a scrumptious crepe with walnuts and swiss when just an hour ago I was watching my lunch companion on YouTube doing near

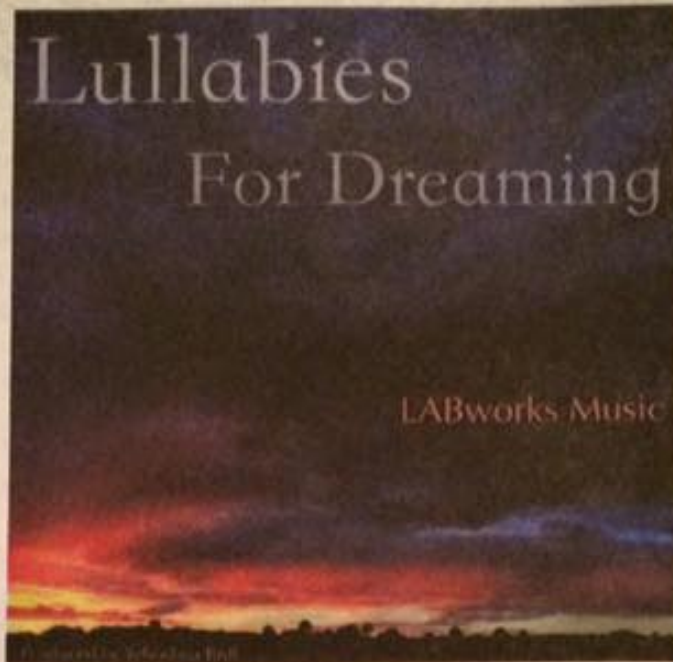


back-flips while performing in front of tens of thousands of adoring fans as a featured keyboardist with Trans-Siberian Orchestra (TSO).

But, Luci Butler is so much more than a world-touring musician, and in actuality is a bit

of an anomaly in St. Augustine. Growing up in Savannah and attending college at the University of Georgia, this classically trained pianist and neurologic music therapist has actually lived in our city for the last decade. Because of lengthy tours as keyboardist for TSO and top Techno

star Moby, she hasn't really had a lot of time to form any roots here among the STA music community, and as she puts it, "there are so many great musicians here, I can't wait to dive into the local scene!" In 2014, Butler decided to take a break from touring to go back to work on a project dear to her heart, a CD aptly named "Lullabies For Dreaming." Taking cues from her years as a music therapist and studying vibrational technology, combined with the experiences of touring for many years with two of the biggest international musical acts in the world, the project took focus.



"The qualities inherent in music drive its healing power."

Recorded and released under her LABworks Music brand, the album is part of a larger music consciousness that LABWorks offers. Using music therapy techniques, traditional lullaby practices, and influences and research ranging from eastern meditative philosophies to vibrations, this first branded release includes soothing songs for dreamers of all ages. At first listen, my initial impression was that of a softer and dreamier Enya product. Enya, the superstar new age artist who has sold more than 75 million albums worldwide, was often my choice back in the 90's when I needed her type of musical relaxation. With much less instrumentation and production than even the earliest Enya recordings, 'Lullabies For Dreaming' seems deeper with more thoughts and efforts on the healing and thera-

peutic aspects of music. Among the song titles are Your Light, Breathe, Only Love Radiates, and Quiet. It is a significant undertaking to try and nurture listeners through sound, and even more impressive how well Butler succeeds. All of the songs on 'Lullabies For Dreaming' are presented with exquisite musicianship and vocals, and can be streamed right now on SPOTIFY, and purchased at all major online retailers.

Now back in the ancient city for a longer stay, Butler is eager to share her passions for music and music healing with the world, and especially with St. Augustine's locals. Still a stranger to many within the city's music scene, it

shouldn't take long for local musicians and music lovers to embrace Butler's immense talents, experiences, and her vast knowledge of music therapy techniques.

