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MAGIC ELF

ALBUM *Heavy Meddle*
(Big Shoe Music)

THE SOUND Guitar-driven instrumental rock with prog and jazz fusion influences

HISTORY Playing together since 1983, Berklee and University of Miami-educated guitarist Carl Roa and ex-Ludichrist drummer Dave Miranda launched Magic Elf in 1995. *Heavy Meddle* is the Long Island, New York, trio's second studio set; they released a live EP in 2000.

TALK BOX Explains Roa, "We're bridging the gap between the Dixie Dregs and Dream Theater, producing modern, high-intensity instrumental music for a wider audience. The key is to play the music you love to play—not the music you think will sell."