

Cherif El-Masri @ EMS 16-18 January, 2018

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Cherif El-Masri is a composer and multi-instrumentalist based in Cairo. For the past 20 years he has studied and performed in various musical idioms (jazz, free improvisation, punk rock, extreme metal, classical & folk Arabic, experimental electronic music). He's been an active member of several seminal Cairene bands such as Eskenderella and Procession Towards the Unknown.

Since 2012 he's been a member of The Invisible Hands, a psych rock band co-founded with Alan Bishop (Sun City Girls / Alvarius B / Sublime Frequencies) . El-Masri is currently recording and performing as Tarkamt (<https://www.facebook.com/Tarkamt>), a solo project combining primitive analog electronics, electro-acoustic processes, visceral free improvisation, and unclassifiable progressive composition to form a maelstrom of chaotic energy that transcends the dichotomy of noise versus music.

Tarkamt's debut full length album is due for release February 2018.

