

'Night Loop'

Harlan (Stillbeat)

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Initially a solo project for founder John Norris that started while he was attending graduate school at Louisiana State University, Harlan has evolved into a duo that includes pal Scott Campbell on all electronic instruments. Latest album "Night Loop" is a compelling gathering of 10 tunes that may well help raise Harlan's profile.

Opening tandem "Daffodil" and "Death in the Living Room" sets the tone, and Harlan also impresses with "You're a Teenager," "Sending Your Positions," "I Aim to Be Your Modern Man" and "Catherine O'Hara." Norris is a compelling vocalist, though he sounds more like he's from Britain than Baton Rouge, and "Night Loop" is a record worth exploring.