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Obol - Quizshow

On October 14, 2021, Obol will release *Quizshow*.

Recorded and assembled piecemeal during the Covid lockdown, *Quizshow* features ten new tracks from Seattle progressive rock band Obol. The lyrics follow a theme of alienation — dissolutionment with the public in “Ahuevo,” a rejection of popular opinion in “Hive” — but the music is full of energy and fun. Like all Obol releases, there are a series of musical cues and influences from around the world.

Quizshow features vocals, bass and keyboards by Barry Craig, guitars by Jun Mantrano, and drums from Will Tooker & Rob Sones.

Obol describes its sound as progressive rock, but encompasses a wide array of pop and mainstream influences including **Muse**, **Placebo**, **Devin Townsend**, **Marillion**, **Leprous**, and **A Perfect Circle**. In his online bio, Barry mentions that he wants the Obol songs to be “cinematic enough to create visual images for the listener, but otherwise sound deceptively simple, accessible, and full of hooks.”

Quizshow was recorded by Ty Lewis and Michael Springer. It was mixed by Barry Craig. It was mastered by Evan Wickham. *Quizshow* will be released as a 4-panel Digipak & digital album.

Quizshow tracklist:

1. **Charlatan**
2. Ahuevo
3. Split
4. Quizshow
5. Lookup
6. **Hive**
7. Twist
8. Missionary
9. Earthbound
10. Juggernaut