



EDEN (Australan Band) BIO

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EDEN is a Darkwave band that formed in Melbourne, Australia in 1988 by singer-songwriter Sean Bowley and multi-instrumentalist Pieter Bourke.

EDEN's debut performance was at the Baden Powell Hotel, [Prahran](#). The band quickly established a local following that saw them perform regularly as a fixture in Melbourne's burgeoning alternative music scene.

EDEN's initial 12 inch EP *'The Light Between Worlds'* was released in 1990 on Nightshift Records, Scotland. The EP caught the attention of BBC Radio's John Peel who featured tracks on his show, resulting in rapid support of EDEN by The Alternative Press Magazine in the USA. A 7" single version of *'Searching for Angel's Hands'* was released by Ultimate Records Australia the same year, broadening EDEN's growing supporter base through a live appearance on Australia's national pop music TV series *Countdown Revolution*.

In 1991 EDEN moved to London based label Third Mind Records who continued to grow the band's profile in Europe and the USA through the 1992 release of their first full length CD *'Gateway to the Mysteries'* (released in Australia under Elysium/Shock Records). The album was described by the music press as sounding akin to *'the Cocteau Twins had they existed in the 1890s'*. In 1993 EDEN joined the roster of Projekt Records, USA releasing the *'Healingbow'* EP.

In 1993, EDEN established a new lineup, Bourke leaving the band as drummer Peter Barrett, keyboardist Paul Machlis, guitarist Tracy Ellerton and bassist Ewan McArthur joined Bowley to form the next iteration of EDEN. *'Fire and Rain'*, EDEN's second studio album under the Projekt label was released in 1994. Allmusic's Ned Raggett found the new lineup's music to be *"an intriguing sonic palette, extending the goth/psych tendencies of Bowley's particular muse to their logical conclusions"*. The same year Eden released a CD of remixes and rarities titled *'Earthbound'* on Viridian Records. Bassist Stephen Wattie completed the lineup for the *'Stone Cat'* mini-album which was subsequently released on Heartland Records in 1997.

In live performance EDEN have shared the stage in Australia and overseas with Rowland S. Howard, These Immortal Souls, Underground Lovers, Lycia, Love Spirals Downward, Attrition, Heligoland, Ostia and countless others. EDEN undertook a promotional visit to the UK (1990) and an extensive tour of live dates in the USA (1996).

After several years break, EDEN re-formed in 2015 in Melbourne, Australia and have once again established themselves as regular performers in the alternative music scene. The distinctive EDEN sound remains but has evolved as prolific songwriter Bowley continues to define a sonic palette that crosses a range of genres inclusive of the spaciousness of dreampop, the guitar glassando of shoegaze and the eastern tinged aspect of neo-psychedelia. In 2017 EDEN are: Sean Bowley (Vocals, 6 & 12 string guitars), Andrew Kutzer (12 string guitar) and Matthew Sigley (bass guitar, drum machine and keyboards).

EDEN have returned to Toyland Studios in February 2017 to record an LP slated for release in June 2017. The CD launch is scheduled to occur at Wave-Gotik-Treffen (WGT) in Leipzig, Germany where EDEN will perform with a showcase of bands including The Mission.

EDEN DISCOGRAPHY:

'The Light Between Worlds', EP, Nightshift Records UK, 1990

'Searching for Angel's Hands', 7" single, Ultimate Records, 1990

'Gateway to the Mysteries', CD LP, Third Mind Records, 1992

'Healingbow', EP, Projekt 1993

'Earthbound' (Remixes & Rarities), CD LP, Viridian Records, 1993

'Fire & Rain', LP, Projekt Records/Hyperium 1995

'Stone Cat', CD EP, Heartland Records, 1997

EDEN LINKS

Official website: www.edenseanbowley.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/edenseanbowley/>

Bandcamp: <https://edenseanbowley.bandcamp.com/album/fire-and-rain>

Instagram: @eden.band.australia

Wikipedia: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eden_\(Australian_band\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eden_(Australian_band))

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