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SON TENSEI — *INTRODUCTION: SON IS DIFFERENT*

Twelve songs from Chicago on fathers, screens, roots and refusal — the debut LP from the Grammy-credited composer behind Tensei

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CHICAGO — ***Introduction: Son Is Different*** is the debut solo LP from **Son Tensei** — the vocal project of **Christopher R. Kramer**, the Chicago producer and composer who spent fifteen years making records for other people's voices before using his own.

As half of **Tensei**, Kramer released on **Plug Research** in Los Angeles — labelmates Flying Lotus, Bilal, Shafiq Husayn — and on **Tokyo Dawn Records** in Germany, working with Makaya McCraven, Brandee Younger, Junius Paul, Angel Bat Dawid, Georgia Anne Muldrow and Black Thought. He is **composer on the Grammy-winning album *The Poet Who Sat By The Door* by J. Ivy** (Best Spoken Word Poetry Album, 65th Grammy Awards).

The album's alternate title, *Something Different / Algorithmic Bias*, names the other half of its subject.

THE RECORD

"Sick Father" is the most direct thing on it — a childhood that changed in an instant at six years old, two dialects in one place, and the only line the man ever gave him: *you're supposed to work harder.*

"Tree of Life // Rooted" is an elegy for a grandmother, built out of soups and a driving lesson and the year the Cubs won.

"Home" is Chicago at street level — giardiniera, the Halsted stop, the Heights — and contains the album's hardest line, a police stop that ended one way for him and another for the friends standing beside him.

Then the record turns outward. **"Tranquil Skies"** argues for teaching children to talk in real time before we raise them blind. **"Tunnel Vision"** describes the phone as a cage that profit locks shut.

"Alignment" states the thesis in a sentence: *mind, body, soul aligned — not gonna happen while we living online.* And **"Good News"** contains a line written before the technology caught up to it: *faces / AI don't match / auto trash / races / mine burns to ash.*

THE ARTIST

Kramer is a natural **baritenor** with no formal training who freestyles daily and performs with **Bobby McFerrin's Circle Songs** in Berkeley. He sings and raps in English and Japanese. After the Grammy he turned down

artist development and major label offers that required him to adopt a persona.

> **"If I think something is broken, I try to fix it instead of complaining. That's the whole philosophy, and it's gotten me into more trouble than anything else about me."**

ALONGSIDE THE MUSIC

Kramer is the author of **Love Our Mother, Love The Children: Biophysics Economics & Spiritual Science** (2026) and sole inventor of **Harmonic Path Logic**, a deterministic AI governance framework (USPTO 19/574,339) – **socially conscious initiatives to benefit all children and the Earth itself.**

TRACKLIST – *INTRODUCTION: SON IS DIFFERENT*

1. Alignment
2. Free
3. Home
4. I Knew
5. Sick Father
6. Tranquil Skies
7. Tree of Life // Rooted
8. Tunnel Vision
9. Good News
10. Boba Tea // All I Wanna Do *(ft. BetejayMadeIt)*
11. Meow
12. Sleep Well Tonight

All songs written by Christopher R. Kramer (BMI, IPI 00643227167).

LINKS

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