



Drowning Sound



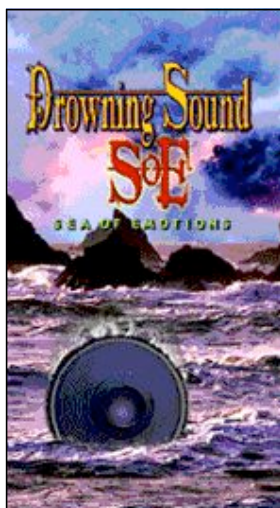
Drowning Sound released their debut Sea of Emotions CD on Highjohn Records in 2003. The band is made up of

guitarist and lead vocalist James West, bass guitar player George Williamson, and drummer Ryan O'Connor. Influenced by a diverse mix of musical styles over the years, West is the author of Sea of Emotion's raw, thought-provoking lyrics that will be sure to catch the attention of the media and rock and roll fans alike.

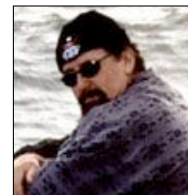
Born in Boulder, Colorado, and raised near the beaches of Malibu, California, music has played a big part in the life of guitarist, vocalist, and songwriter James West from a very early age.



West continued to formulate his musical dream throughout his high school years, at creative festivals, school assemblies and parties. James was the catalyst in bringing drummer Ryan O'Connor and bassist and keyboard player George Williamson into the studio for Sea of Emotions.



George's first adventure into making music occurred at the age of eight, when after begging his dad to buy him a snare drum for months, suddenly one appeared. Four years later George found a bass guitar in the back of a friends closet, paid \$40.00 for it and began a life-long infatuation with the instrument. He began playing with local bands and friends learning Rock and Roll and blues. After college George decided to hit the road playing Top 40, Rock, Jazz wherever he could find work. From then on it has been a series of gigs small and large in all kinds of venues.



Ryan was Baldwin Park High School's Outstanding Jazz Musician of the Year in 1986 and graduated from Los Angeles County High School For The Arts in 1989. He competed in more than 30 jazz festivals with both BPHS and LACHSA jazz ensembles, and received 13 National Association of Jazz Educators "Outstanding Musician" or "Outstanding Soloist" awards. Currently, Ryan teaches music in Los Angeles and Ventura counties.



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