The shadowy twang of electric guitars, the dusty spectral melodies, the driving orchestral timpani, the rural instruments like banjo, harmonica & mouth harp ... these are the elements with which Desolation and Radiation orchestrate a mythic western of the future. Italy's Alessandro Mercanzin imagines a visionary dystopia where a solitary figure navigates an inhospitable post-nuclear desert. It's a hypnotic land of cold, haunted nights, lonely red vistas and sombre personal solitude.

Alex reflects, "Desolation and Radiation is a wordless vision of a lost world from the future. To me, it's melancholy, filled with lost dreams. With a ghostly sound in my mind, I wanted to pull off dark, intriguing riffs, and I found I could say many things with a few whispered notes from my guitars. These songs paint dramatic scenes that take me to a reverb-drenched wasteland in a parallel world."

Aíded by producer Maurízio Baggio (recently producing Soft Moon, Boy Harsher, & Nuovo Testamento), Alex plays with genres including the Giallo-pulp that scored his personal musical evolution while toying, avoiding and embracing the clichés of Italian Spaghetti Westerns. The adventurous sound of the album is coaxed from various guitars, vintage instruments, reverbs, and the marranzanu (a traditional Sicilian harp.) Alex plays most of the instruments and is augmented by Maurizio's vintage synths and old 60s organs, Michele Tedesco's trumpets on "Nowhere to Ride," and Stefano Miozzo's pedal steel guitar on "Far from Here."

In the end, Desolation and Radiation has its veiled message: a warning to prevent the mistakes of the past from transforming our present into a terrifying future.



Deep Imagination from Germany is the solo project of Thorsten Sudler-Mainz (\*05.04.1963 in Frankfurt am Main), whose productions have been released by the renowned Munich record company BSC Music on the Prudence label since 2004.

Thorsten Sudler-Mainz started out in 1982 as a drummer, later as a guitarist and singer in regional gothic bands in the Frankfurt am Main area, before recording his first complete productions himself in his own 8-track recording studio in the 1990s.

In the noughties he appeared with elaborately produced progressive-ambient productions and as co-founder of the Cologne project "Art Of Infinity", founded in 1996. In 2005, he started his solo project and has released six albums and various singles and EPs with DEEP IMAGINATION on the cult label BSC Music/Prudence.

From the instrumental ambient of the first album "Scapes" (2005) to the art rock influenced "My Silent Celebration" (2020), he changed the instrumentation and style of DEEP IMAGINATION again and again, but always remained true to his electronic approach.

With the current work "The Children of the Moon" (2023), he presents an atmospheric darkwave-gothic album and thus perhaps his most authentic work.





Thorsten Sudler-Mainz offers his very own version of Dark Wave with the 6th album of his solo project. With "The Children Of The Moon", he reinvents DEEP IMAGINATION once again, but remains true to his characteristic electronic-ambient approach. The story behind the album is that of a friendship that began in the 80s when

Thorsten Sudler-Mainz and Achim von

Raesfeld formed a gothic band.

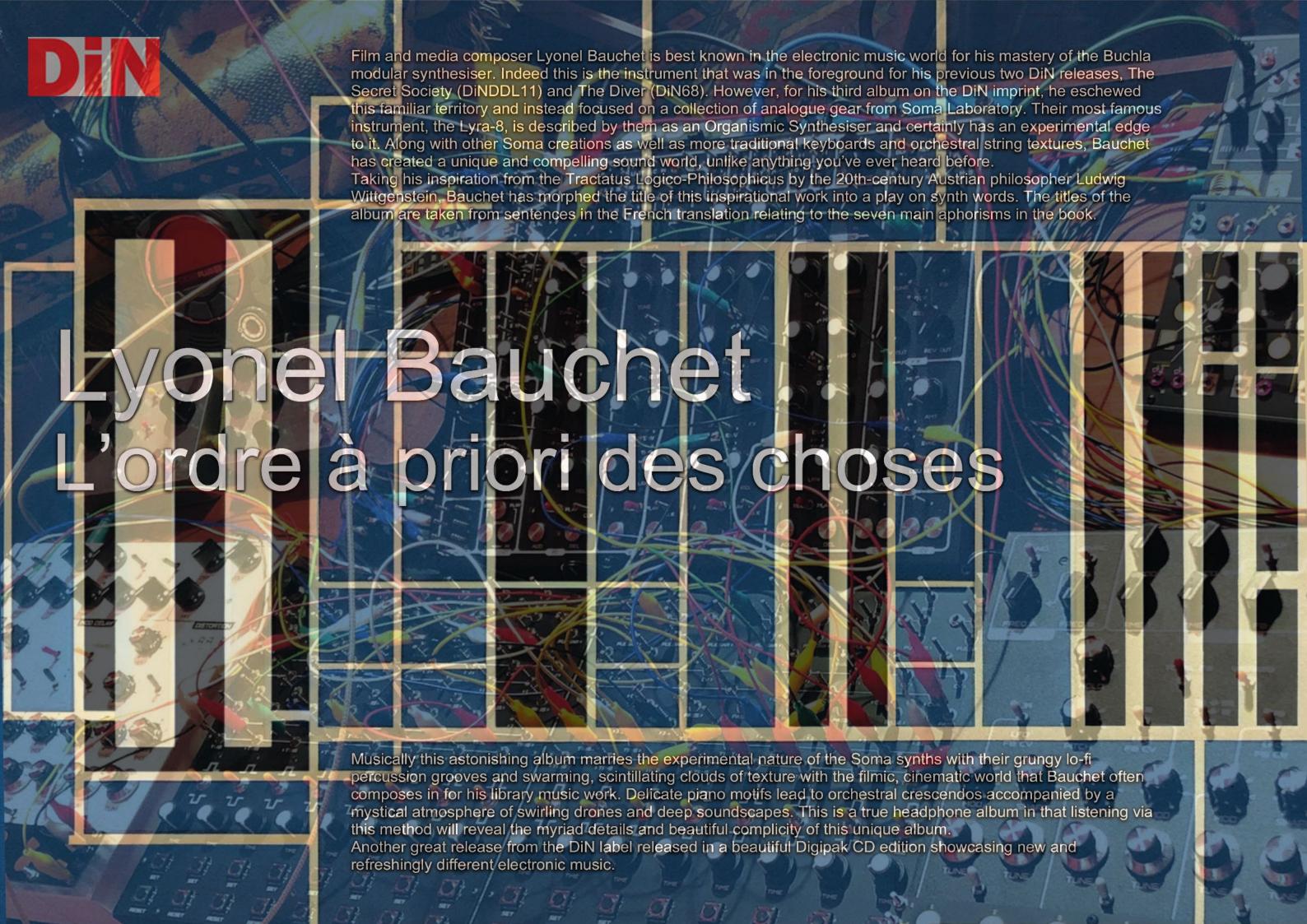
When the two old friends make music together again in 2020 after more than 30 years, it rekindles an old fire. Thorsten Sudler-Mainz decides to produce an atmospheric dark wave gothic album. Achim von Raesfeld acts on the guitar and fits into the arrangements as a natural musical partner. The joint guitar playing of the two is merged again, as are the passionate vocals of Thorsten Sudler-Mainz and his partner Ann Kareen Mainz.

The dark romantic songs on "The Children Of The Moon" form a genre album of the New Dark Wave. It seems as if everything is there, but nothing is too much on this authentic work

### DEEP IMAGINATION

THE CHILDREN OF THE MOON







Italian composer Caterina Barbieri has spent the best part of a decade breaking apart the rigid structures of electronic music, using advanced, idiosyncratic techniques to build bridges between academic experimental, dance and pop landscapes. Her breakthrough moment came in 2017 with the Important Records-released "Patterns of Consciousness", a confident fusion of analogue synthesis and algorithmic compositional methodology that defined her unique voice. And when she followed it with "Ecstatic Computation" on the legendary Editions Mego label in 2019, wide acclaim ensued, with critics praising its potent fusion of minimalism and trance-inducing synth experimentation. Pitchfork has described her music as "a mind-altering journey" and "a dream machine for the ears".

"Myuthafoo" was written at the same time as "Ecstatic Computation", which Barbieri regards as a sister album. Both albums are based on creative sequencing processes that playfully unravel Barbieri's deep-rooted interest in time, space, memory and emotion. And since she was set to re-release "Ecstatic Computation" on her own light-years imprint, it made sense to accompany that album with this intimately entangled set of unreleased recordings. At the time, Barbieri had been touring excessively and her process began to shift in response to that nomadic, interactive energy. Using the Orthogonal ER-101 modular sequencer, Barbieri manually programed patterns into the device and fed them into her arsenal of noise generators, trialling different combinations at each show.

## HOWARD ARMINAGE

Howard Artimage's background has been a musical one right from the age of 5, playing the plano and becoming a very competent player. In his teens, he took up percussion and, as a member of the Desford Brass Band Organisation, won awards for the best percussion section, but it wasn't until he met the composer David Fisher that his vision to compose original music came into being. Spending Well over a year with David to prepare for a university placing at Huddersfield University in the field of Electroacoustic music. His studio work throughout his stay brought an honour degree in that genre, with tracks Virtual, Cobe's Dream and No Single Moment, from the album Disruptive Element, becoming part of his coursework.

After graduating, Howard met TV producer Mark Thatcher who was looking for a musician to write and record music for television with a period of productions produced for several companies, including Anglia Multimedia, Carlton Central & OVC.

Howard's music was also played on the legendary Derby radio show introducing electronic music hosted by Ashley Franklin, thanks to Bob Paige, who was a major player promoting this genre in the UK scene, a larger-than-life character. Sadly, Bob passed away many years ago.

Howard's only official album release was Tranquil Waters, on the EMMA label. The track on this edition is from his second album, Disruptive Element, in which only a few copies of CDRs were handed out to friends. We have tried to track down Howard, but so far cannot find any more info or musical output on this musician.

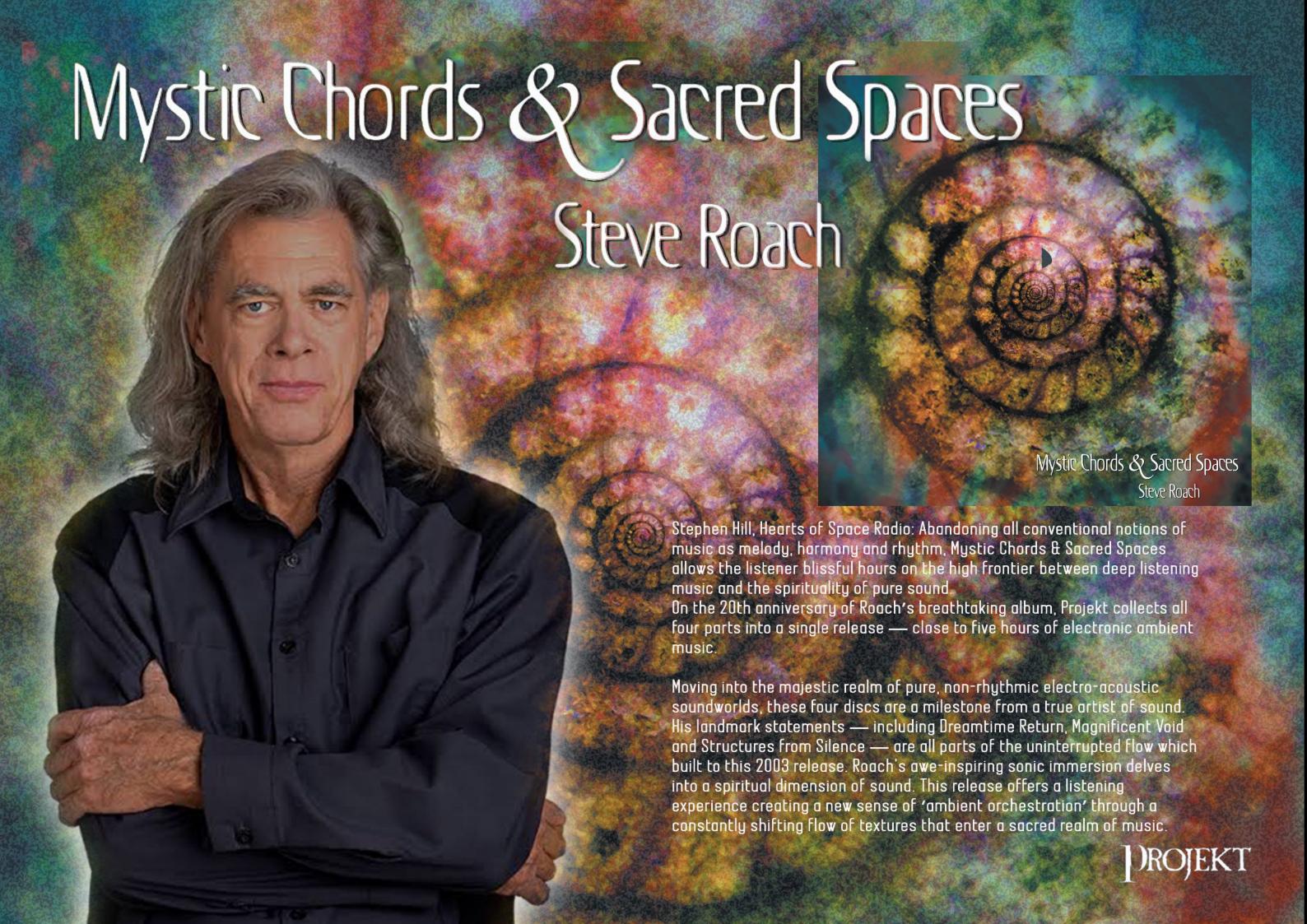
### DISRUPTIVE ELEMENT



Rudiger Gleisberg (b. 1963) studied Music and Literature at the University of Paderborn. Having studied Classical guitar, he began playing in various Rock bands at school, and then switched to Keyboards, fascinated by the instrument's range of expression and sounds. This attraction to working with Keyboards and Synthesizers led to his building a small recording studio, which has meanwhile expanded into a modern digitally-equipped studio.







POBERT SCOTT THOMPSON

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The term musical alchemist best describes modern music composer Robert Scott Thompson. Combining his mastery of the electroacoustic, contemporary instrumental, and avant-garde genres into a swirling cohesive whole, he is an important pioneer in music's new frontier. Hailed as one of the most important composers working in electroacoustic, acousmatic and classical ambient music today, he has produced and published seminal work since 1976.

Influences as diverse as Chopin and Satie, Stockhausen, Varèse and Cage, and Bowie and Eno can be heard in Robert's music. Robert's first love is the electronic music synthesizer, but he is also an expressive vocalist, instrumentalist, video artist, computer musician, sound designer, and film composer.

Stand Against Darkness





Deborah Martin continues pursuing her passion of exploring the depths of thematic composition through the creative layering of structured compositions and live recordings of instruments, blending them into a world of ambient electronic expression.

Her music sensibilities enable her to combine scenic melodies, rich symphonic sounds and rhythmic structures to recreate the delicate balance of life in its many surroundings. Deborah's releases include Under the Moon, Deep Roots Hidden Water, Ancient Power, Convergence, Tibet, Anno Domini, Between Worlds, Etched Into Memory (EP), Eye of the Wizard, and Hemispherica Portalis (Portal of 1000 Years).



DEBORAH MARTIN

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Jill Haley is an oboist, English horn player, pianist, and composer who travels throughout the United States visiting National Parks, often as an Artist-in-Residence, and composes music inspired by the Park while living there. She is an accomplished symphonic orchestra player, teacher, and church musician.

Jill continues to appear as a guest artist on recordings created at Will Ackerman's Imaginary Roads Studio; her many recordings on English horn and Oboe were recorded by Corin Nelsen and Tom Eaton. Jill's releases include Glacier Landscapes, National Park Soundscapes, Mesa Verde Soundscapes, Zion and Bryce Canyon Soundscapes, The Waters of Glacier, and The Winds of Badlands.

Into The Quiet is the second collaboration between electronic ambient visionary Deborah Martin and renowned Oboist Jill Haley. Into The Quiet follows 2021's The Silence Of Grace, which received numerous accolades—including making Zone Music Reporter's Top 20 albums of the year. Once again, Martin and Haley blend electronic textures and classical instrumentation into works of rapturous calm. Whereas The Silence Of Grace was inspired by the beauty of the natural world, Into The Quiet draws from internal landscapes, inspired by the idea that one must go "into the quiet" to find what is hidden in themselves.

These eight compositions demonstrate the depth and intricacies that stillness can contain. The opener, "Sleeping Giants", surges with choral warmth. On the title track, flute and horn wend around a warbling synth loop. "Hall of Whispers" is simultaneously melancholy and pastoral; harp and oboe play a shimmering duet while low textures ebb and flow around like wind whistling through ruins of ancient stone.

Into The Quiet reunites two masters of their craft, and the result is spellbinding. These eight pieces show the serenity of space, allowing each note and melody to naturally unwind and inviting the listener to do the same.





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#### MURCOF & VANESSA WAGNER

If you've ever reached for a tray of ice and found nothing but half-frozen puddles of H2O, then you're on the way to understanding the dynamics at play on Statea. With a tense sound that hovers directly in between the acoustic and digital realm, pianist Vanessa Wagner and producer Murcof make a moving case for minimalism across classical and ambient music. They also draw parallels between long-dead folks like Erik Satie and Kanye West's favorite Aphex Twin song—timeless stuff, really.

**Murcof's** music is sparse, minimalist, sample-based electronica. Although founded on complex, at times, abstract, glitchy electronic percussion, Corona's recordings are more melodic and traditionally structured than many contemporary electronic musicians. Many recordings feature orchestral strings sampled from recordings of works by modern composers such as Arvo Pärt.



#### Vanessa Wagner

Described by the daily Le Monde as "the most delightfully peculiar pianist of her generation", Vanessa Wagner pursues a career in her image, original and committed, mixing classical recitals, contemporary creation, the practice of ancient instruments, the music of room and the most unusual encounters with video, electronic music, dance.

Her rich discography, which covers a large part of the repertoire for piano, has been repeatedly rewarded by the press.

Since winning the award for the Victoire de la Musique (the French equivalent of the Grammy) as the most promising instrumental soloist in 1999, has appeared all over the world, as a soloist or with orchestra, and in major festivals, regularly invited by halls that are faithful to her, also she is the director of the Chambord Festival since 2010, developing an eclectic program and has been named Chevalier des Arts et Lettres.

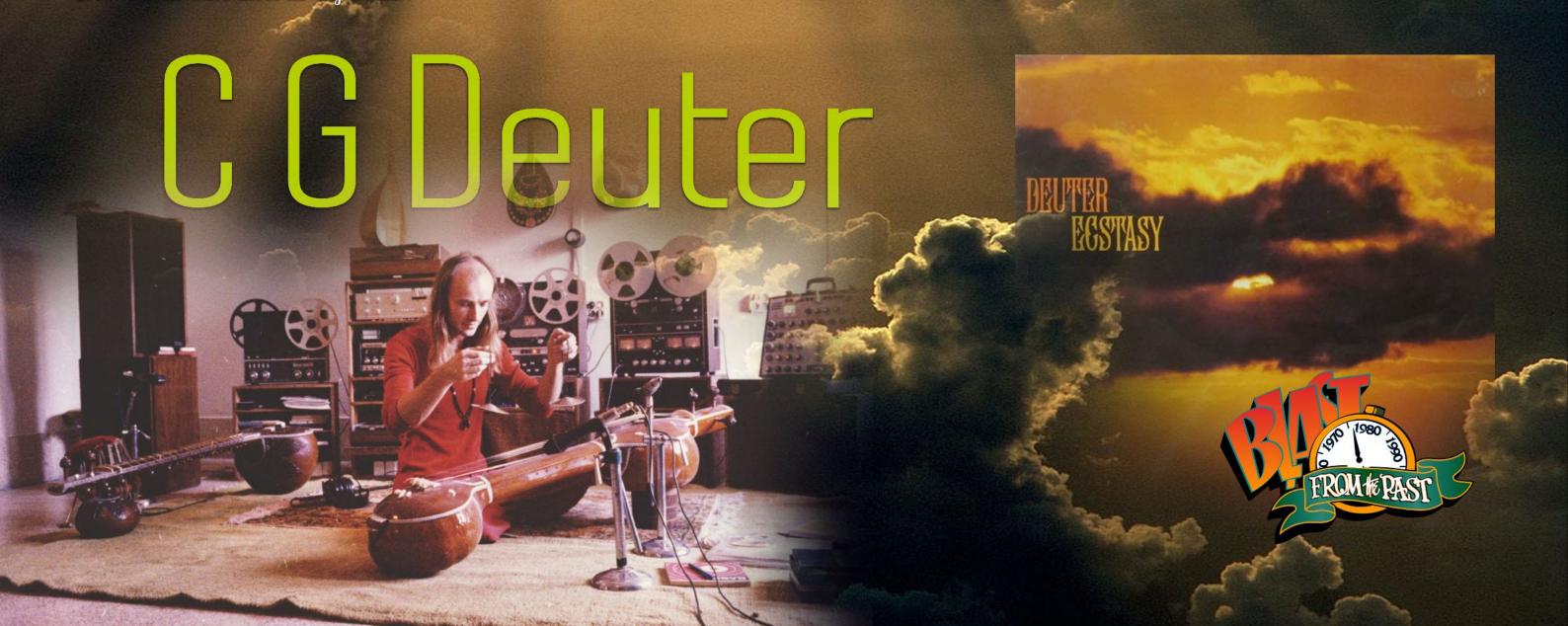


Born in 1945 in post-war Germany in the town of Falkenhagen. As a child he was drawn to sounds of nature and musical instruments. He taught himself the guitar, flute, harmonica and "just about every instrument I could get my hands on," though it wasn't until after a near-fatal car crash, while working as a journalist that he decided to pursue a career in music. His first release in 1970, titled D, marked the beginning of Deuter's spiritual and musical journey. He combined acoustic and electronic elements with ethnic instrumentation and nature sounds, such as bird songs and crickets, pawing the way for a new genre of music known as New Age.

Deuter travelled extensively in Asia during the 1970s and 1980s in search of spiritual and creative inspiration while studying Indian music. He has learned an ever-expanding array of instruments, including the flute, guitar, sitar, koto, shakuhachi flute Tibetan singing bowls, santoor, bouzouki, piano, keyboard and drums. He records his own projects and has released over 60 albums. In 2016, He received Zone Music Reporter's Lifetime Achievement Award, recognizing his 40 years and more than 60 recordings of musical contribution to the New Age genre.

Deuter's 2015 album Illumination of the Heart was voted among the top finalists for Album of the Year and Best Meditation/Relaxation Album by broadcasters and industry experts at Zone Music Reporter.

2021 marked another turn in the road releasing a new album, "Song of the Last Tree" on his own label as CG Deuter.



# andy pickford

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I was attracted to Forbidden Spheres as a concept after seeing a video about something which happened at the Livermore laboratory in Los Alamos, California, in the early days of nuclear bomb research stuff in the 1940s. Although my album has well absolutely nothing at all to do with that, it was the concept of the phrase "forbidden spheres" that I was actually attracted to, and of course, in my vivid imagination, this can pertain to many things, as you can probably see from the artwork included. Apparently, it can mean many things, so it's been a right old playground. There's a pretty 14-page PDF with an illustrated expanded text section, 11 HD wallpaper images, the cover image and a label file for making CDs. Lots of shiny things this time.



Andy Pickford

There's not a vast amount I can write about the original Pareidolia tracks as they were. For some reason I'd become a bit estranged from them compared to, say, Orgonon, Shadow at The Gate or Harmonics in The Silence. The general feel of the collection seems a bit different too and not in a way I can easily explain. In any case when I came to re-listen prior to starting remixes I found myself wearing an increasingly glum expression, along the lines of "buggering hell this is going to need some work this is". In ways far, far too numerous to mention! In short, it's still about clarifying, defining/redefining, compacting down and hoping for a decent outcome, same as with any work. I think, if anything I felt that perhaps the original mixes didn't sound matured enough and I came across several instances where it looks like I was planning further work but had decided things were okay as they were.





Patrick 9000, is a Frankfurt electronic producer, DJ, organiser and an accomplished pub-goer. He started DJing at the beginning of the 90s, sometimes musically influenced by the music that was brought to the Rhine-Main area by American Gls, later the journey went from electro to breakbeat, from there to house, and even a little techno is said to have been part of it. At the same time, new and old technical equipment for music production was acquired, modified, sold, reacquired and so on.

The trained electronics technician later studied computer systems and network technology and had no problems getting in touch with the equipment. Small releases followed here and there, but Patrick 9000 always produced "for himself" It was (is) unbelievable fun for him to play his own productions at events, which the listeners then didn't find on Shazam.

Various collaborations with other musicians and live projects followed, as well as various DJ gigs, whereby his musical journey now moves between 60s funk & soul, ambient, film and library music, as well as soundscapes. During the week, you can find him in his favourite pub in the evening, alternately engrossed in a conversation or busy reading a book because people without hobbies are suspicious of the nine-thousander.

The new album by Patrick 9000 is called "Endless Journey", a rhythmic electronic trip with the atmosphere of a club with relaxed and, at the same way, danceable tracks.



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