

Collectors Series Vol.1

The Modernist – Popular Songs

The Collectors Series is a new mix CD compilation by A&R Stefan Struever, the mastermind behind the seminal DJ Kicks compilations. The Collectors Series is aiming to showcase the multiple faces and histories of dance music and beyond. Though we live in an age of increasingly digitalized archives, there's still music that is not downloadable from Souseek or Limewire. Tons of quality music still hides in record collections, that have never been digitalized. In the Collectors Series, well known music lovers from around the globe present gems, rarities, unreleased tracks and favourites from their vaults.

The first volume of The Collectors Series comes from Cologne, Germany, based producer The Modernist. Born Joerg Burger, The Modernist has been a major figure in the „Sound Of Cologne“ for more than a decade. With releases on labels such as Kompakt, Wonder or Harvest under his monikers Modernist or Bionaut, or his cooperation with fellow Cologne artist Mike Ink as Burger / Ink, the name of Joerg Burger is related to minimalist, electronic music with a great pop feel. It's dance music that is as much listenable, as it's for rave purposes. Warm, earthy, hypnotic are the attributes with which the atmosphere of his music can be described best.

This atmosphere is also reflected in the mix CD with which Joerg Burger kicks off The Collector Series. **Digging in his vast song collection**, Burger has unearthed crisp, electronic pop music, that elegantly smoothes the listeners ear. **What makes this first Issue so special, is the fact that The Modernist has never been a DJ. His attitude towards making a mix-compilation rather comes from a songwriter point of view. Several Mash-Ups, specially arranged blends and exclusive tracks and remixes make this selection an unique and essential minimalist pop affair...**

The mix opens with Burger's dubby version of "1-2-3 No Gravity" from "Closer Music", blending seamlessly into track 2, Denmark's Mikkel Metal's „Microho“, which tightens the rhythmic fundament that shapes the first third of The Modernist's selection. The hypnotic, yet deep „Late Night Moves“ by Repair, is followed by Burgers very own Triola project with „Freifeld“, one of the exclusive tracks for this Album, which stylishly displays the current sound of the Cologne multitalent. With French Teepopmusik's „Breathe“, the mix aims to it's first peak, succeeded by the Superpitcher remix of D'Ntel's „(This Is) The Dream Of Evan And Chan“. After DJ Koze and his dog "Bobby" walk out for air, it's Erlend Oye featuring Morgan Geist who changes the rhythmic format of the mix into a more electro funky vibe.

Another representant of the new vocal heros of the 21st century dancefloor comes next: **Richard Davis' moody "World Disappears" morphs seamlessly into Autobianchi's guitar twanging track "Stay", which opens a series of J.Burger productions, exclusively made for this compilation. As "B.Movement" he remixed Ada's "Lifedriver", to bring out even more of the pop-appeal of this beautiful composition. After the original & still deepest version of "Protest Song" comes a special gem, the unique "Mushroom Angels", which combines the best moments of 2 Superpitcher-Tracks " Mushroom" & "Even Angels" and merges beautifully into "Never forgive & forget", the second Song by Canada's Repair.**

The Moritz Von Oswald produced future deep house anthem "Round Two", which reverberates Berlin's minimal dub sound in a soulful mood **leads to the congenial finale "The boom boom bap", a brandnew track by seminal 80s agit pop band Scritti Politti. This very song might be the most revealing of the entire selection, as Scritti Politti has been a main musical influence, not only for Joerg Burger, but for "Classical Cologne Techno" (oder "Sound of Cologne"), as we know it.**

Apart from that, the closing line: " I love you still, I always will." marks a perfect ending for the warm hearting mix The Modernist has greatly delivered for The Collectors Series.

Tracklist

1. Closer Music: 1-2-3 No Gravity -exclusive version
2. Mikkel Metal: Microho
3. Repair: Late Night Moves
4. Triola: Freifeld -exclusive track
5. Autosundmädchen:Alltag
6. Telepopmusik: Breathe
7. D´ntel: This Is The Dream of Evan and Chan (Superpitcher Rmx)
8. DJ Koze – Bobby
9. Erlend Oye: Ghost Train
10. Richard Davis: World disappears
11. Autobianchi: Stay -exclusive track
12. Ada: Lifedriver (B.Movement Rmx) -exclusive remix
13. The Modernist: Protest Song
14. Superpitcher:Mushroom Angels(Burger Mash-Up) -exclusive track
15. Repair: Never Forgive & Forget
16. Round 2: New Day
17. Scritti Politti: The boom boom bap

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