



## SW. mindSET

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## DESCRIPTION

*mindSET* is the ninth album from enigmatic producer **SW.**, directly following 2024's excursion into his trademark techno, IDM and bleep soundscapes, on the *myDEFINITIONS Vol II* album. But with his *mindSET* album, SW. takes a left turn, as pioneers often do, and listeners find themselves on the lesser traveled side roads of electronic music history. Or in SW.'s own words: "the more abstract leftfield elements." It's in these less-defined areas that SW. finds his sweet spot, building dancefloor soundtracks that defied definition. And with *mindSET*, the sounds and the machines might have changed, the methodology remains the same. "It draws from what was more generally seen in leftfield as a term for the slightly off-kilter house and broken beats that didn't fit neatly into classic genres, whether that was Chicago house, French garage, drum and bass, or broken beat. It's more about those in-between sounds that never really took off, only appearing briefly in the early to mid-'90s and then quickly disappearing. There was a certain magic in that moment, which I wanted to capture. Also, the entire album was produced using classic analog equipment, with old machines that were used during that era. That's the approach I've taken." The eight tracks on *mindSET* are shaped out of de-tuned techno pop synths and heavy, syncopated drums, grooving along chopped-up polymeters to create an eerie mood, as if orbiting an undiscovered planet for the first time. The harmonic movements are often bent out of shape, sometimes veering towards **Gherkin Jerks** or **Cristian Vogel** territory. But in the end, the sounds are less important than the atmosphere, and the tracks represent an attitude or an approach – to creating the music as well as experiencing it. *mindSET* is a nod to those dancers sharing an oddball moment, and for those of us on the same wavelength, it's a vibe listeners can all get inside.

## TRACKLISTING

- A1. HÄÄlene \_\_\_
- A2. the beauty
- A3. HE is stupid
- A4. Ha
- B1. green
- B2. malady
- B3. horizon
- B4. anima

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