



KAITO Collection

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INFINE

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DESCRIPTION

Hiroshi Watanabe, a musician, photographer, and DJ from the Japanese electronic scene, based in Saitama near Tokyo, has been a prolific figure for twenty-five years. He has explored most major genres of electronic music through more than twenty albums. He proudly becomes the very first Japanese artist of InFiné. After **Ryuichi Sakamoto**, he is one of the very few Japanese artists who have gained the favor of Western audiences, alongside notable names such as **Cornelius**, **Towa Tei**, **DJ Krush**, **Ken Ishii**, **Susumu Yokota**, and more recently **Hiroshi Yoshimura**. In Europe, he is best known for his project Kaito, which began in 2001 under the prestigious Kompakt label. The name **Kaito**, in addition to being the name of his son born the same year, carries a double meaning in Japanese, signifying both "universe" and "secret." These references hint at a spirituality visible in his photographic work and contribute to the elements that make Japanese artists masters of the ambient genre. The collaboration between Kaito and the InFiné label began with his participation in the compilation *Music Activists 2020 (From Home)*, which supported artists affected by the Covid crisis, followed by a remix for the single "Motion" by **Rone** and **Vanessa Wagner** in 2023. These initial contributions led to a new album featuring nine tracks of ambient music. Kaito's new album *Collection* comprises nine ambient and melodic tracks composed during the Covid-19 pandemic. These compositions present a majestic minimal and harmonious therapy in response to the world's adversities, showcasing the producer's return to the peak of his art. *Collection* was remastered by another genre legend, the German **Rashad Becker**.

TRACKLISTING

01. Silent Cloud (Beat Version - iF edit)
02. Call From the Ground (iF edit)
03. Summer Mood (iF edit)
04. Summer Ocean (iF edit)
05. Silent Sky (iF edit)
06. A Life That Can Only Be Dream Now (iF edit)
07. Birds of Passage (iF edit)
08. Summer Sketch (Floating Through Space In A Dream - iF edit)
09. Nexus 2 (Beatless Version - iF edit)
10. The Land at Breath (iF edit)*
11. Encounter (iF edit)*
12. Paradigm Shift (iF edit)*

* Bonus CD exclusive.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Hiroshi Watanabe** (aka **Kaito**), a musician, photographer, and DJ from the Japanese electronic scene, based in Saitama near Tokyo, has been a prolific figure for twenty-five years.
- Kaito's new album *Collection* comprises nine ambient and melodic tracks composed during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Remastered by **Rashad Becker**.

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