



APARDE Alliance

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DESCRIPTION

Aparde's new album, *Alliance* sees the German musician retreat from his recent experimentations with avant-garde pop music back into the world of deep, and oftentimes dark, electronica. For his previous album, *Hands Rest* (KI 020CD/LP, 2019), Aparde ventured outside Berlin's club scene through the use of his voice, which gave his music a softer and more intimate edge. *Alliance* is no less intimate, except this time the musician's vulnerability seeps through the cracks rather than taking center stage. As impressive sonically as it is technically, Aparde used a mixture of electronic sounds, analog equipment and his own voice either as a sound element or lyrical component to explore this duality of sound. "This album was about focusing on something that calmed me down and brought me away from reality," says Aparde. When the musician says "away from reality", he doesn't mean into dreamy, ethereal soundscapes, but rather a deep dive into dystopian atmospheres of drone sounds and chewed-up drum machines. *Alliance's* second track, "Allies" has a dire beginning and one might even be tempted in skipping it if it weren't for Aparde's hushed voice shining through the shadows, melancholic yes, but also warm. Despite the album's focus on electronic gear the music isn't exactly dance-able, tracks have a ruminative pace, brooding even, "I wanted to make the tracks with more breathing space between the atmosphere and silence. There are fewer elements but more impact, I think," says Aparde. Things change gears toward the middle of *Alliance*, with both "Lined" and "The Shift" representing the colder, club-ier tracks of the album. For both of these tunes, any emotionality gets converted into a dense and thumping energy that is released in a cathartic fashion. It is, as Aparde describes, music "for you to move to when you have a good moment or a mental crisis." But Aparde doesn't leave it at that frequency; he closes off the album courageously by letting listeners in, once again, to his own world and emotions. While still a driving electronic track, "Hole" is framed around melancholic piano keys that bring the mood down, and prepare listeners for "Know You", the album's most intimate, and vulnerable piece. With *Alliance*, Aparde brings listeners deep into his soul, a soul that is at times conflicted and agitated and at times low-key and solemn. And as he does so, the listener's own mood is muted and lifted in a journey of quest, dance and healing.

TRACKLISTING

01. Locked
02. Allies
03. Unfamiliar
04. Lined
05. The Shift
06. Hole
07. Know You
08. End

HIGHLIGHTS

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