



YELKA For

Label

KARAOKE KALK

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NORTH AMERICAN EXCLUSIVE

Genre

FILE UNDER - Y - ROCK



DESCRIPTION

Through the folded sky to America Ten albums in three years. That's still the cosmic mission of the Berlin post-kraut trio **Yelka** with **Daniel Meteo**, **Christian Obermaier**, and the namesake **Yelka Wehmeier**. With the album *For*, there was a label change. After releasing three albums in 2023 with **Maurice Summen**, head of Fun In The Church they passed the label responsibilities to Karaoke Kalk. The trio's fourth album was also created with **Arne Berger** at Popschutz Studio, and the team is definitely well-rehearsed. Instead of recording the planned tracks, the band decided to improvise the session, and all tracks, except for the krauty **Doors** cover "The Crystal Ship," were created in five days in the studio, mostly on the first or second take, but with significantly more overdubs – keyboards, backing vocals, second and third guitars, percussion, and piano. The sound of *For* has become warmer, and the album begins with a kind of '60s-**Kinks** feeling. Overall, the current record has become much more exuberant. In the first instrumental of the album "Is this enough?," the band reverse tracks like **Jimi Hendrix** in his *Electric Ladyland*, and listeners dive deeper and deeper into the endless sky until Yelka finally arrive on newly trodden sound paths with "MM" to their beginnings on their debut album *Nowhere Jive*. At the popular intersection of post-rock and jazz, where guest singer **Bela Hagel** also likes to linger for a moment. The guitars sound like a desert, and the reverb reminds us of the expansive space in the opening track "Skies." "Do you wanna dance?" Yelka Wehmeier finally asks, while a chorus in the best **Sun Ra** manner mantra-like repeats "Cold dogs, cool cats." The whole band sings. Everything sounds good.

TRACKLISTING

01. Smile (Into Skies) (5:03)
02. The Boar (5:42)
03. The Crystal Ship (4:03)
04. Is This Enough? (5:19)
05. MM (7:36)
06. Sie wissen (6:46)
07. Lyra (0:36)
08. Amerika (5:27)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Berlin post-kraut trio **Yelka (Daniel Meteo, Christian Obermaier, and namesake Yelka Wehmeier)** present *For*.
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- RIYL: **Kinks, Jimi Hendrix, Sun Ra.**

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