



VA Harde Smart Volume 2: Flemish & Dutch Grooves From The '80s

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DESCRIPTION

Did you know that for decades, record collectors across the Dutch-speaking region have overlooked a significant portion of their own musical heritage while avidly searching for rare grooves and breaks in bins filled with more exotic music? It's a fact! And that's where *Harde Smart* comes in. After delving deep into dusty crates of Belgian and Dutch music, *Harde Smart*'s inaugural compilation in 2019, dedicated to music from the 1970s, brought to light a selection of smooth, jazzy, funky, and soulful gems from Flanders (the Dutch-speaking part of Belgium) and Holland. In addition to exquisite grooves and hard-pounding drums, these songs shared Dutch lyrics, offering a unique compilation of lyric-driven Flemish and Dutch music from back in the days. Yet, nothing is as certain as the unexpected. This compilation marked the first time a Dutch album uncovered the authentic Afro-American funk and soul vibe, which, albeit sporadically, influenced the work of both popular and lesser-known singers and musicians in this corner of the world during the 1970s. Undoubtedly, influences also stemmed from French chanson and rock music of the era. This 21-track album shattered all musical predictability, taking listeners on a strange and nostalgic journey, offering a revised collection of "essential homegrown classics" for local listeners while also captivating non-Dutch-speaking audiences. With the second compilation, *Harde Smart* shifts its focus from the 1970s sound to explore the next decade, the 1980s. Vinyl aficionados **No Sleep**, **Ricky** and **Micha Marva** joined forces with **Sjefke De Kok**, one of Holland's premier crate diggers, to continue their musical odyssey. Digging even deeper into dusty bins filled with Dutch and Flemish records once again unearthed an exquisite selection of tracks – too weird to play, too rare to ignore. From butt-shaking boogie to weird disco adventures on wax, this album encapsulates all the good stuff of the 1980s: smooth and seductive alongside dark and wavy. Get ready for an atypical introduction into the Dutch lyric-driven music from the 1980s. Featuring **Step By Step**, **Monica Rypma**, **Bloedgroep O**, **Francis Verdoort**, **Herrie**, **Noodweer**, **Jan Hautekiet**, **Peter Praet & Praeters**, **Joost Belinfante**, **de DIV**, **Rob Glotzbach**, **Cocododo**, **MAM**, **Omar & The New Sound**, **Kurt Van Eeghem**, **Nadagen**, **Mensen Blaffen**, and **Wim De Craene**.

TRACKLISTING

CD

01. **Step By Step** - Ik Laat Me Niet
Belazeren
02. **Monica Rypma** - Ik Hou Veel Van Jou
03. **Bloedgroep O** - Slow Motion
04. **Francis Verdoort & Herrie** - Tegelliedje/Gevaarlijk (Harde Smart Edit)
05. **Noodweer** - De Toekomst Laat Me Koud
06. **Jan Hautekiet** - Nachtrafiek
07. **Peter Praet & Praeters** - Enkel
Proberen
08. **Joost Belinfante** - Zonder Woorden
09. **de DIV** - Teken De Tijd
10. **Rob Glotzbach** - Hoofdstuk 1
11. **Cocododo** - Roekoe
12. **MAM** - Ongeloofelijk
13. **Omar & The New Sound** - Drugs
14. **Kurt Van Eeghem** - Cool Hé, Jongen
15. **Nadagen** - Onder 4 Ogen
16. **Mensen Blaffen** - Braziliaanse Woud
17. **Wim De Craene** - Hoor

2LP

- A1. **Step By Step** - Ik Laat Me Niet
Belazeren
- A2. **Monica Rypma** - Ik Hou Veel Van Jou
- A3. **Bloedgroep O** - Slow Motion
- A4. **Francis Verdoort & Herrie** - Tegelliedje/Gevaarlijk (Harde Smart Edit)
- B1. **Rob Glotzbach** - Hoofdstuk 1
- B2. **Noodweer** - De Toekomst Laat Me Koud
- B3. **Jan Hautekiet** - Nachtrafiek
- B4. **Peter Praet & Praeters** - Enkel
Proberen
- B5. **Omar & The New Sound** - Drugs
- C1. **Joost Belinfante** - Zonder Woorden
- C2. **de DIV** - Teken De Tijd
- C3. **MAM** - Ongeloofelijk
- C4. **Cocododo** - Roekoe
- D1. **Kurt Van Eeghem** - Cool Hé, Jongen
- D2. **Nadagen** - Onder 4 Ogen
- D3. **Mensen Blaffen** - Braziliaanse Woud
- D4. **Wim De Craene** - Hoor

HIGHLIGHTS

- *Harde Smart* volume two is an atypical introduction into the Dutch lyric-driven music from the 1980s.
- In addition to exquisite grooves and hard-pounding drums, these songs share Dutch lyrics, offering a unique compilation of lyric-driven Flemish and Dutch music from back in the days.
- Featuring **Noodweer**, **Jan Hautekiet**, **Peter Praet & Praeters**, **Joost Belinfante**, **de DIV**, and more.

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