



## SO SNER The Well

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## DESCRIPTION

*The Well* is the second album by the duo **So Sner**, composed of **Susanna Gartmayer** (bass clarinet) and **Stefan Schneider** (electronics). Recorded over nearly two years in various studios and spaces, the album reflects So Sner's extensive touring across Europe. The final mixing took place in Vienna at the studio of **Martin Siewert**, who served as both co-producer and mastering engineer. Known for his meticulous attention to sonic detail, Siewert brings his unique techniques and distinctive sound enhancements to the album, resulting in a work that is both stylistically cohesive and daringly uncompromising. With *The Well*, the duo explores both fluid and dissonant sonic landscapes, embracing different structural and sonic challenges. The result is a quieter, more introspective set of compositions than many might have anticipated. The album is a statement of two confident collaborators crafting complex, spatial musical moments in their own distinct manner. The music on *The Well* generates a multiplicity of effects that transcend conventional oppositions such as hand-played versus programmed, composition versus improvisation, or analog versus digital. The album suggests a re-articulation of these categories, allowing the ten tracks to gradually blend one musical idea into another, and one musician into another, in a circular and complementary fashion. The polymetric permutations and exploratory reed components create a soundscape where all elements coexist harmoniously, without compromising or diminishing each other's presence. With its sparse sound architecture, *The Well* invites listeners into a space of effective emptiness, offering room for the mind and body to explore – a sonic island where one can develop sensuality through patient movement. *The Well* captures the genuine act of exploring new territories, serving as a storage place for the time and space shared by the duo, re-filtering their experiences of performing and traveling together. *The Well* is a lucidly playful and ambitious album by two contemporary musicians who are continually learning to create and respond to the subtle and significant changes in their music, maintaining momentum throughout the entire work. In addition to her work with So Sner, Susanna Gartmayer has recently collaborated with artists such as **Joe McPhee** and **Maria Portugal**, and remains a member of her long-running band, the **Vegetable Orchestra**. Stefan Schneider, founder of the label TAL, has recently performed with **Garth Erasmus** from Cape Town and fine art luminary **Katharina Grosse**.

## TRACKLISTING

01. That Welcome (3:32)
02. Bus Train Bus (3:04)
03. Lost Mot (4:14)
04. Glek Forst (4:10)
05. Meteor (3:29)
06. New Sad City (2:49)
07. Pugs Lament (2:25)
08. Postulation (4:30)
09. Golden Numbers (4:08)
10. Goodnight Dreamer (3:06)

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