



Instrumentals **Volume 1**

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***D/troit release their new album, Instrumentals Volume 1, on Crunchy Frog
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Necessity is the mother of invention! D/troit have always been making instrumentals -- referred to by the band as 'struts' -- and have long toyed with the idea of an album in this vein. With singer Toke Bo's temporary relocation to Athens, the time was right. The album reflects an open and exploratory approach, blending their signature retro soul sound with influences old and new.

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From start to finish, the new recordings maintain D/troit's tight grooves and rich arrangements while leaning into something altogether more playful and eclectic - a fresh take on their music. At times, it sounds like the exotica-tinged soundtrack for a 70's heist movie (check *Alarm*, the album's first single). Elsewhere, the band sounds equal parts twilit beach bar and Addams Family party as on *Ruckenbiel*, inspired by D/troit's bizarre quest for the vibraphonette that anchors the tune. Bought from a paranoid German tourist over many weeks of cryptic messages on multiple encrypted platforms, the final handoff was supposed to take place on a cruise ship, but turned into an old woman, who without speaking a word, passed the band a note with the name "Ruckenbiel" and a phone number scribbled on it. That was only the beginning of a three-part story we've still only heard two-thirds of, but suffice it to say; the surreal ordeal demanded to be put to music!

On *D/50*, the band play with bossa, full of kitsch, cuica, claves, and organ flourishes, while *Hernandez* invokes a Morricone-inspired Mexican stand-off. The one non-instrumental on this instrumental album, *Pick It Up (Lay It Down)* features a "guest" appearance from D/troit leadsinger Toke Bo on a Meters and James Brown-esque funky banger, raw, ready and dance-inducing, and here a classic D/troit sound is right at home in the mixed bag of the record.

We can only recommend that you start exploring right this second!

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D/troit are Toke Bo Nisted (vocals), Jackie Larsen (bass), Mads Jensen (keys and infamous vibraphonette), Stefan Andersen (drums and percussion) and Klaus Højbjerg (guitars). Drawing from the well of classic 60s r'n'b, funk, soul and rock'n'roll, there's a rough and gritty note to the Danish soul quintet D/troit's sound, which adds depth and authenticity to their modern take on garage soul. D/troit - and especially the out-of-this-world energetic front man Toke Bo - appeals at least as much to the ladies as to the gents. D/troit deliver a swinging, steamy, hot live show every time. The band has toured extensively in Northern Europe and in Los Angeles, and their music has featured heavily in TV and movies around the world.

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