

CAMOUFLAGE Spice Crackers

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The essentials

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This reissue: 2-CD box containing the album "Spice Crackers" plus a bonus CD with previously unreleased heavy electronic stuff

The band: founded 1984 in

The music: electropop

+ 16 Page Booklet

Special download offer: 14 remixes exclusively available

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CD 2 Tracklist

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Camouflage are one of the few German bands to have been making music successfully at home and abroad for the last couple of decades. "The Great Commandment" (1987) and "Love Is A Shield" (1989) were actually worldwide hits. After four albums, Camouflage felt it was time to experiment. This phase reached its zenith with the album "Spice Crackers" in 1995 - the most daring, most interesting work they ever released. Electropop tracks sit side by side with hypnotic, repetetive, spheric tracks which give a taste of what follows on the bonus disc.

The bonus CD contains 14 tracks, eleven of which have never before seen the light of day. Unlike any of their other productions, "Spice Crackers" drew heavily on extravagant live sessions and bold experimentation. Countless tapes and DATs mounted up, of which only a fraction made it onto the final album. Yet amongst the "rejects" were genuine pearls of 90s electronic music (dub techno, downbeat, electronica, intelligent dance music, ambient), evoking memories of the golden age of German electronic creativity, the 1970s. This is no ordinary bonus CD, it is an important, integral element of the re-release.

Heiko Maile, Camouflage founder member and producer of "Spice Crackers", has this to say about working on the album: »On our previous productions, we started out with just a few songs, worked on these as demos and then went to an

external studio to completely re-record them with a producer. Having the idea to produce an album in our own studio, thus giving us more time to experiment, basically wanting to do the whole thing differently, was the beginning of an interminable recording session. Once we got going, surrounded by synthesizers, drum machines, guitars, microphones, a mammoth analogue mixing desk and a few pieces of recording equipment, we simply taped everything that came into our heads. Only a few of these tracks - I'm deliberately refraining from calling them songs – ended up on the original CD. It was a very formative and inspiring time for us in terms of album production, so the bonus CD offers something of an insight into these works.«

And there's more! 14 remixes of the single releases are exclusively available as downloads.

Discography

1988: Voices & Images

1989: Methods Of Silence

1991: Meanwhile

1993: Bodega Bohemia

1995: Spice Crackers

2003: Sensor

2006: Relocated

2009: Live in Dresden (DVD)

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