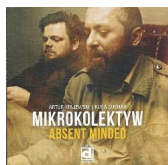


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1 Vacuum 1:16 2 Dream About Mind Master 9:54 3 Sonar Toy 3:58 4 Thistle Soup 3:35 5 Fossil Stairway 5:57 6 Dream About City Backyards 5:02 7 Trilobite 3:14 8 Trouble Spot 5:25 9 Superconductor 4:26 10 Crazy Idea Of Jakub S. 5:40 11 Little Warrior 6:19 12 No Magic 3:02 13 Dream About The One 9:16 Artur Majewski - electronics, trumpet Kuba Suchar - drums, electronics, percussion

Well it's been three years since we heard the dynamic and creative duo Mikrokolektyw. They have been working in various forms with their respective collaborative groups, but finally we get hear their dense, expansive imagination again on "Absent Minded".

"Absent Minded" delves deeper into the rabbit hole of sound as the duo completely restructure our thoughts on what jazz and sound sculpture can be. A slightly less emphasis on the electronics from it's predecessor, "Revisit", Mikrokolektyw are still exploring melodies that burst out of spontaneity than structure. "Thistle Soup" and "Crazy Idea" a great sources improvisation exploding into melody before you know it. Majewski provides sharp notes that are juxtaposed to Suchar blistering pace and while at first seem completely unrelated slow unravel to showcase a beautiful picture of sound and space. "Fossil Stairway" is the one track that does hearken back to Revisit's electronic elements. A cascade of sound, almost like air raids. This, all the while, Majewski and Suchar are weaving between the noise with pattens that set a rough but fun path for the listener to follow. Fun might the other way to describe "Little Warrior" in which the tribal elements of this piece reminded me of Les Baxter, Raymond Scott, Don Cherry shoved in a room with Chris & Cosey (of Throbbing Gristle) and told to make beautiful music. This is what they might come up with. Intriguing, beat-driven, exotic and masterfully executed.

"Absent Minded" is great follow up to "Revisit". And Mikrokolektyw have shown that they are a duo with layers of ideas and will continue to challenge our conceptions. Once again, for me,

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