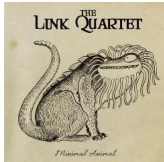


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01. *Black Bug* (3:40) 02. *Bear Walk* (3:49) 03. *Coquette* (3:06) 04. *Hippo-tize Me* (6:21) 05. *Owl Train* (4:23) 06. *Go-go Rilla* (3:01) 07. *Crime Squid* (3:37) 08. *Peacock Steady* (3:25) 09. *Gnu York* (5:47) 10. *Silent Eel* (3:08) 11. *Voodoo Kangaroo* (3:27) 12. *Brave Snail (Bonus Track)* (7:05) 13. *Disco-tize Me (Bonus Track)* (3:56) - Paolo Apollo Negri, Hammond organ - Marco Murtas, guitar - Renzo Bassi, bass - Alberto Pato Maffi, drums

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'Minimal Animal' is all LINK QUARTET-originals and all instrumentals with absolutely divine, mindblowing hammond-organ-soli, a jazzy beat, groovy guitars and catchy melodies. Incredibly cool, funky, danceable sounds (such as 'Black Bug') mixed with one or the other calmer song

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with laid-back jazzy wah-wah sounds and finally even groovy, ska/rocksteady-offbeat, hammond-driven songs like 'Peacock Steady' altogether combine into a well-rounded album from beginning to end.

With this record, Soundflat Records enters a slightly different/new spectrum of sixties-sound and adopts one of Europe's, if not worldwide, best hammondbeat-acid jazz-bands to the Soundflat- Records-family. This band combines hammonddriven beat and jazz so well, that not only Mod and Funk-lovers will love this album, but due to its variety of different influences it will appeal to a much broader crowd from all different kinds of musical backgrounds and leave them more than impressed.

"Minimal Animal" is a welcome back home album for The Link Quartet, 11 original instrumental tracks (the CD includes two additional bonus tracks) of pure raw funk, minimal and aggressive, where the screaming Hammond organ of Paolo Apollo Negri duets with the acid wah wah guitar of Marco Murtas over the rocky rhythm lines of Renzo Bassi (bass) and Alberto Pato Maffi (drums). The quartet is back on the track of the long and prolific tradition of bands like The Meters, Alan Hawkshaw, Jackie Mittoo and many others but don't forget to keep an eye on the future to serve a unique cocktail of retro futuristic tunes. With this album The Link Quartet is making a new start, building a new future starting from its own roots. ---avaxhome.unblocker.xyz

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