



## GRAU ANNOUNCES THIRD ALBUM "BERLIN"

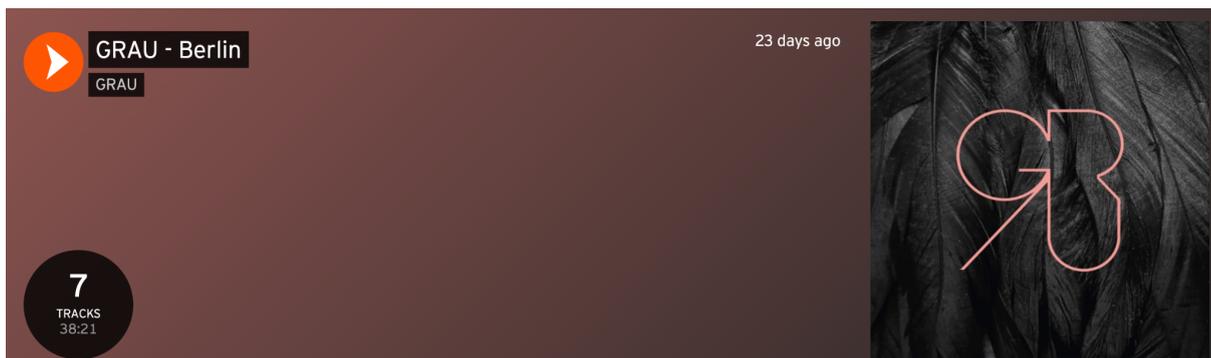
**Paying homage to their shared adopted home of Berlin, live duo GRAU releases its third studio album as the city's namesake and combines the electronic with the classical.**

Berlin, November 30, 2021 - Creative Berliners-by-choice Anna Lanfer and Niko Stoessl will release their new album "Berlin" as artist duo GRAU on January 22, 2022 on the label Birthmark Recordings - an LP imagined as a tribute to the city of Berlin, where the two musicians have been working and living together for over five years. With their third studio album, Vienna-born Stoessl and Oldenburg-born Lanfer present a thoughtful, electronic work spanning seven multi-faceted tracks complimented by an atmospheric orchestra - as always in perfect symbiosis with Lanfer's voice and German lyrics.

Inspired by the wild 1920s, the new tracks celebrate freedom behind closed doors. Modern electro sounds combined with soulful strings and subtle influences of French chanson lay the groundwork for seven eloquently crafted lyrical compositions written in the duo's native language of German. The LP also features contributions from internationally renowned recording artists Christian Eigner (Depeche Mode) and Oskar Humleboo (Motoboy, Cardigans).

*"Drama, theater - we can be anything - freedom remains secret" - Statement from the duo about the LP*

Three tracks make up the core of the album release: as the first single, **Schwarzer Engel** ([link](#)) is an ode of love to Berlin: no tears, just a song - so wonderful. No tears, my Berlin - so wonderful. The orchestral meets the beat. To some, freedom is an experience lived in secret, behind closed doors - a reality portrayed in the second single of the trio **Freiheit** ([link](#)). Taking us back to the roaring twenties, the song sees sonic influences reminiscent of Babylon Berlin cross pollinating with those of the contemporary Berghain-inspired clubscene: linen becomes velvet, dust becomes gold. Completing the trilogy is **Krokodil** ([link](#)). Many a friend can lose themselves in the party, not everyone comes home in one piece, let alone as a virgin: Give me sex, give me beat, give me Cocaine!



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Along with a round of listening parties, the release will be accompanied by a limited vinyl-edition for collectors and fans. At the same time the streets Berlin-Friedrichshain, the duo's home, will bear witness to a guerilla-postering campaign showcasing the album artwork: black feathers behind the GRAU logo in a fresh peach tone - symbolically reminiscent of the album's first single.

**The album "Berlin" will be released on January 22, 2022 on all major music portals and is promoted by the Initiative Musik Deutschland\*.**

\*The non-profit Initiative Musik promotes the music industry in Germany on behalf of the German federal government. Its work focuses on pop and rock music as well as jazz. The initiative, which is funded by the Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and Media to the tune of 16 million euros a year, has supported more than 1,500 musicians and bands in 48 funding rounds so far since it was founded in October 2007 (as of February 2020).

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**About GRAU:** GRAU is the joint project of music producer Niko Stoessl (SlikNik) and Anna Lanfer (ANNER). The idea of the project was to produce innovative electronic music on an international level, standing for Berlin and its club identity while at the same time offering a platform for the German language through sophisticated lyrics. Launching in 2015, GRAU met with a positive response from the very beginning. Although the club scene is in principle rather skeptical about "vocals", Anna managed to hit a nerve with her lyrics and convince skeptics, both live and on recordings.

GRAU has been creating intelligent, sophisticated electronic music in Berlin for more than five years now. Far from the ordinary and always in search of new sounds, GRAU is neither black nor white. Accordingly, the Berlin live duo describes their music as something between electro-pop and house, between melodic and driving, between straightforward and diverse, while always fluid and skillfully executed. ANNER's enchanting, breathy vocals - sung in her native German - float effortlessly over SlikNik's dark atmospheres. Instead of colliding, these seemingly opposing elements merge into a harmonious, perfectly balanced sonic yin and yang.

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