

2CD mittageisen 1981-1986 remastered

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This new double CD contains 19 digital remastered songs, 6 of them previously unreleased, from the years 1981-1986. The two CDs are available in a fold-out digipak-sleeve with the cover-image of the 1.LP and a carefully made 24-page booklet incl. band-fotos and informations about each song.

The wild 80's in Switzerland were shaped by music of bands, which used the chance - in the upwind of the musical 'culture revolution' of Punk and New Wave. – to create new and independent music. In this extremely creative time developed mittageisen from 1981 their own individual music style and became thereby „one of the earliest darkwave/electro Goth bands. These tracks were mostly recorded from '82 to '85 (seven of them in '82 when Depeche Mode still couldn't get enough), mixing the emerging Gothic sounds of the Banshees (from whom their name comes in part), Bauhaus and the Cure with the sparse electro of Kraftwerk. In general, it's slow, dark and morose with droning guitars and vocals, under-pinned by a sharp electro beat.

In other ones, they are one of the archetypal darkwave bands who were releasing albums when the Sisters (of Mercy) were only working on their early EPs. There is, however, a very simple and obvious reason why this band do not occupy the same privileged position as the classic Goth bands - they didn't sing in English!

It's the kind of music you hear as the soundtrack for oppressive, dark German sci-fi films. The sound does not stay the same all the way through, 'automaten', which is here in two versions, is a fairly upbeat, electro piece. Others are more sound-scapey; droning pieces that evoke factory work. This CD is more than an historical oddity, it is a must for fans of early Sisters stuff, or the Cure's dark period which culminated in the oppressive 'Pornography'.“

Sordid Magazine, Irland/London

In March 1983 mittageisen published their 1st album, which gave to them extraordinarily positive criticisms. Besides the music the expressive lyrics in german-language made the songs and the group famous.

After various personnel changes mittageisen surprised in January 1985 with the 12" 'automaten' and a new electro sound. The single found the way to the legendary John Peel show on BBC Radio 1 and became an Indie Disco hit.

This new released 2CD contains all original versions of songs, which were published on vinyl-records, including 6 previously unreleased demo-tracks. Enclosed you'll find a copy of the new 2CD with the request to review it and give us a relevant feedback. Thank you!

Detailed information about the group and their music can be found on their website. For further information please contact us by email.

With best regards

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wikipedia

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mittageisen_\(band\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mittageisen_(band))

official website

www.mital-u.ch/mittageisen

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www.indie-music.ch