

Mikael Stavostrand (Sunset Diskos, Sushitech, Contexterior)



Biography:

Mikael Stavostrand was born in Stockholm, Sweden 1972, and is now based in Berlin, Germany. He has been featured as a key figure of the Swedish electronic music scene for his unique interpretations of minimal club techno as well as for producing some of the most essential experimental electronic music of the past years. Stavstrand mixes deconstructed sounds with funky little beats to create minimal dance textures. On his debut album on Force Inc., "Reduce", swarms of glitches, crackles and skips infiltrate the 4/4 drive formula of minimal techno. As Vita, his "Vita" 12" on Force Inc. imprint Force Labs was to meet critical praise and became one of the best selling releases with its digitalized organic groove.

He started to produce music in the early nineties, but back then he was a part of the industrial scene and released a bunch of "classic" records under different names, lately due to a lot of demand from different labels, he agreed to allow reissues of these early works. After that period he got more interested into sound research and minimalism, which also led to a couple of CD releases on labels as Staalplaat in The Netherlands to name a few. In 2000 he became more focused on bringing his experiences and sound from the pure minimal scene into a more club context, so he started to work with minimal techno sounds, which led to result immediately with releases on Force Inc. in Germany.

The last years he has been playing live around the globe, for example Mutek in Canada and in Mexico, Japan, and all over Europe. At the moment he is also working on different collaboration, as the Luus project together with Johan Fotmeijer, deep minimal techno with a melodic touch, Skugge&Stavostrand, and the Bulgur Brothers together with Johan Skugge and Andreas Tilliander. His output has been a bit quiet for a while but that doesn't mean that he has been on the lazy side, 2005 he released one album and 4 ep's with different projects and 2006 will see a whole bunch of releases, solo, with Bulgur Brothers with Johan Skugge and Andreas Tilliander, Stavostrano feat. Erika with singer Erika out of Stockholm, a new project together with (a)pendics shuffle from LA and other constellations. So 2006 looks already like a very bust year. Working with labels such as Karat out of France, Adjuct in LA, Audiobahn in Malm. Contexterior in Berlin,

Mineral, Sunset Diskos, Mitek and more.

Since 2000 he also runs the Mitek label. The aim and policy for the label is to produce, release and promote new Scandinavian artists within the field of experimental electronic music. For us this includes everything that's exciting between abstract minimalism and experimental techhouse. Mitek has so far produced 14 albums, 5 eps and two t-shirts.. In the years Mitek has not only been a label releasing music, but also organized shows and showcases of swedish electronic music around europe and Japan.. We see mitek more as a platform than a pure label. In the summer of 2006, we will also see the birth of his new label "Sunset Diskos", this label is purely for club music, deep and funky minimal tunes is the aim here. With artists such as himself, [a]pendics shuffle, agaric & Bulgur Brothers. Recently he licensed tracks for Fabric mix series as well as a new mix Cd by James Holden. And his music is heavily played by Dj's such as Matthew Dear, Jeff Milligan and Jay Haze to name a few.

Discography:

Releases:

De|gene|ra|ton (Korm Plastics) (1999)
Illuminence (Firework Edition Records) (1999)
Kapotte Muziek By Wiklund / Stavostrand (Korm Plastics) (1999)
Lite (Mitek) (2000)
Reduce (Force Inc. Music Works) (2001)
Format EP (Klitekture) (2002)
Lite (Remixes) (Mitek) (2003)
Formula (Textone) (2004)
Plastic Gun (Contexterror) (2004)
Compliments (Adjunct) (2006)
Dosage Of The Ortega / Stavostrand Satellite EP (Rrygular) (2006)
Funkage EP (Audiobhan) (2006)
Live At Gabinete Literario (Underground Evolved) (2006)
Looking For Me (Adjunct) (2006)
Mosquito Morpher (Defrag Sound Processing) (2006)
My Moon (Sunset Diskos) (2006)
No Turning Back (Mo's Ferry Prod.) (2006)
Soulful EP (Kontra-Musik) (2006)
Untitles (We Are) (2006)
Take Me Higher (Adjunct) (2007)
Housedays (Sushitech) (2007)

Remixes:

Tennis – Furlines (Bip_Hop) (2003)
John Skugge – Decadence EP (Mitek) (2004)
Sophie Rimheden – H2-Fi Remixes (Mitek) (2004)
Fenin – Thrill (Shitkatapult) (2005)
Lineas De Nazaca – El Jardin De Las Delicias (Remixed) (Eintakt) (2006)
[a]pendics.shuffle – Framed And Defamed (Sunset Diskos) (2006)
Koljah – Leckerkuchen EP (Sushitech) (2006)
Premature Wig – Place Detection (Force Tracks) (2006)
Franco Cinelli – Antenna (Esperanza) (2007)
Jens Loden – Mazimini (Sunset Diskos) (2007)
Martin Brodin – Semitone Shuffle (Audiobahn) (2007)

Related Links:

www.sunset-diskos.com

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