

ALBUM REVIEW

HIGHFLUX

THE PEOPLE

This project is birthed by two artists from opposing sides of the world who have found each other's music through SoundCloud.

Hideo/[PrimaLoop](#) who has multiple projects including [High in the Cave](#) and [Zanshin 残真](#), is a percussionist and sound artist from Japan now living in Melbourne who breaks away from traditional drumming theory.

He has committed his work to experimenting with macro and micro sounds and opening new horizons through his improvisations. He extends this philosophy to his instruments by customising his kits and creating new sounds.

[Ariad](#), a multi-instrumental melodic artist from Switzerland is involved with personal projects which include acoustic piano, sampling and electronics.

In search of spontaneity, Ariad found inspiration through Hideo's productions and offered to collaborate based on his tracks.

It was soon obvious that Ariad's fantastical melody complimented Hideo's energetic rhythms, thus, bringing to life Highflux.

THE PROJECT

Highflux was created as a symptom of flow and chemistry between PrimaLoop and Ariad. Both artists share the view of liberating sound by creating an alternative universe, breaking away from rules and music theory where only expression counts.

The aim of the project is to become part of a flow that connects us to each other.

The album is a fusion of PrimaLoop's original drums and effects and Ariad's melodic arrangements of keyboard, clarinet, glockenspiel, vocals, samples and electronic effects.

Ariad summarises Highflux fittingly as he describes their collaboration on his [website](#):

"The idea was to approach them (Hideo's original drumming tracks) not as usual beats, but really as if it was the surface of an ocean, with its waves, to surf on. No Metronome, just intuition fuelled by the energy of the drums."

The 11 track album (10 plus bonus track) is currently available for download on [bandcamp](#). It is truly a sound experience like no other. You are invited to listen to something new, that will connect you with your imagination and transport you to a universe of your own making.

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