



Klaus Dinger & Japandorf

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Japandorf

GRÖNLAND, CD/DL/LP

Krautrock king Klaus Dinger's posthumous set, backing by arty oriental Düsseldorfers.

Drummer, guitarist and songwriter Klaus Dinger passed away in 2008 aged 61, just as this album, seven years in the making, was being wrapped. His partner, Miki Yui, and the young, Düsseldorf-resident Japanese fine artists-cum-musicians who helped re-light Dinger's fire at the turn of the millennium, have completed it in tribute to the man who'd played with Kraftwerk, provided Neu! with its distinctive 'motorik' beat and whose La Düsseldorf, formed in 1975 with brother Thomas Dinger, would go on to sell millions (and be a key influence on David Bowie). Largely instrumental, with angular vocal interjections from Dinger and Yui, *Japandorf* is recognisably La Düsseldorf, brimming with kinetic drumbeats (Cha Cha), electronic-tinged art-pop (Immermannstrasse) and brutalist neo-punk-rock (Duomo Arigato), all of it interspersed with playful *vérité* field recordings. Further late-flowering La Düsseldorf tracks are promised.

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