

KÜNSTLER	Modeselektor
TITEL	Extended
RELEASE	09.04.2021
FORMAT	CD, Tape, Digital
KAT. NR.	MTR111
LABEL	MONKEYTOWN RECORDS
DISTRIBUTION	ROUGH TRADE / GOOD TO GO



At this point, there aren't many things that Modeselektor haven't done. Over the past two decades, the Berlin duo of Gernot Bronsert and Sebastian Szary have gone full throttle, breaking every sonic boundary as they've dropped dozens of records, run a few landmark record labels and toured the world countless times, both as DJs and with their larger-than-life live show. Alongside friend and longtime collaborator Apparat, they've even managed to climb the pop charts a few times with their joint Moderat project.

Amidst all that activity, however, there was one item on Modeselektor's wish list that they'd never been able to complete: a mixtape consisting of nothing but their own, all-new material. It was something that the pair had discussed for years, but it wasn't until Autumn 2019, after the release of their *Who Else* album, that they really set to work on it, digging through their archives and revisiting old song ideas, some of them dating as far back as 2007. Once the pandemic hit, that process only intensified; like most artists, Modeselektor missed life on the road, but lockdown also granted them their first extended break in 15 years and they were determined to make the most of it. During 2020, Gernot and Szary actually spent more time in the studio than ever before, reshaping old tracks, constructing new ones and gradually assembling the mixtape as a sort of response to the chaos and uncertainty of the outside world.

As the months passed, the duo ultimately went through 10 different versions of the mixtape, and *Extended* is the end result. It's a whirlwind, flying through 27 tracks in just under 66 minutes and somehow maintaining a flow that still feels natural, even as the music seesaws through distortion-laced rave riddims, speaker-rattling boom-bap, gnarled dub meditations, gleeful melodic bliss and a whole lot more. Included in that thrill ride are collaborations with Jackson & His Computer Band ("Hood") and legendary dub vocalist Paul St. Hilaire ("Movement"), but the story of *Extended* is very much the story of Modeselektor themselves, as its bass-driven exploits showcase their irreverence, technical prowess and utter disregard for traditional notions of genre.

Set for release on April 9, *Extended* will be available on Tape, CD and digital/streaming platforms, and will be closely followed by a series of EPs, each one built around a different track from the mixtape. In addition, the extramundane dancer Corey Scott-Gilbert created a choreographed interpretation of *Extended*, which was turned into the film *Work* by video artist Krsn Bransko and dramatic advisor Tobias Staab. *Work* will get released in April as well.

The dancefloor might be off limits right now, but Modeselektor never stop moving.