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Press Information, Moon & Sun

Moon & Sun - 'The Wild Things' (BEEP011)

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About Moon & Sun

Moon & Sun is the work of Swedish songwriter and visual artist Monica Tormell. Influenced by lonesome, gloomy atmospheres and Caribbean tunes her music sets out to explore sonic constellations from the primitive to the electronic and manipulated.

'The Wild Things' was written and recorded on Curacao, in the woods of Sweden and in Amsterdam, all with an impact and a presence on the record. It's a journey through landscapes, changing from beautiful picture views into ghostly midnight lands, a place where reality, imagination and time blur together.

Moon & Sun is the observer traveling from palm trees to pine trees trying to translate it both musically and lyrically, using instruments like the tambu drum, steeldrums, clavé sticks and the Swedish zither.

The record was co-produced with Staffan Björk. The two of them have worked together many times before with sonic art projects and playing in bands. Their last band was the shy shoegaze duo Mustafa et Monique.



Monica went to Curacao the first time in 2009 where she had an artist residency at Instituto Buena Bista (IBB) for 3 months. She met a local percussionist, Crisanta Martha, and started recording her drumming that later came to function as Moon & Sun's own 'drum-library'.

Within a year she went back again.

Reading the book *Zoutrif* by Miriam Sluis and taking walks through the beautiful, but traumatized, ruins of the old plantation area (Rif) together with the author inspired Monica to write the song 'Salt & Indigo'.



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The song Bo is a tribute to the Swedish musician Bo Hansson, who past away earlier this year, describing a sense of belonging when you stand alone outside your cottage on the Swedish countryside surrounded by the woods and the midnight sky.

The record cover is made by Nicole Martens. The different images put together in a kaleidoscope-like way are all glimpses of the places; the foggy view outside Monica's cottage in Karleby, Sweden, the back-yard of the IBB house and the stark silver tree from Zoutrif on Curacao.



The album will be released on November 11th on 10inch vinyl.

As one has come to expect from Beep! Beep! the complete album can be listened to and downloaded for free at www.beepbeep.nl

To promote the record, Moon & Sun will tour Europe from mid November until Christmas. Check out our website for the complete schedule.

High-res bandpictures and the CD cover can be found at:

<http://www.beepbeep.nl/bands/moon-sun/>

The Wild Things can be streamed for press purposes by entering the following password: *wildthings2010*



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- 01 - Bo
- 02 - Hunt
- 03 - 000000
- 04 - Where The Wild Things Are
- 05 - Hollow
- 06 - Salt & Indigo

All songs written by Monica Tormell.

Artwork by Nicole Martens.

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Beep! Beep! was founded in 2008 by a group of friends/musicians from Utrecht based bands such as We vs. death, Kismet and The Walt. On the one hand rooted in a 'one for all, all for one' mentality, on the other hand because of a dissatisfaction with the Dutch music industry.

'Why isn't there a label in the Netherlands that uses the possibilities of the internet for distribution and understands and uses the power of social media?'

Beep! Beep! turned out to be the answer to this question. Soon we distinguished ourselves as the first Dutch label that published its full catalogue under a Creative Commons License and thus made it possible to stream AND distribute all music online for free. The distribution deal we signed with the world's number two biggest torrent site Mininova caused both controversy as admiration with the national and international press. In short: Beep! Beep! is a label that is not afraid to deviate from the norm.

At the same time we are a label that values the physical product a lot. The love for collecting, pressart, distinct artwork and the unique sound of vinyl must not be lost. That's why we make a special crafted hardcopy edition of every release available. For and by music devotees.

Now, less than two years later, there have been more than 200,000 album downloads and the first pressings of CDs and vinyl are sold out.

We work with artists that are able to convince and impress us. From filthy garagepunk to enchanting singer-songwriter melodies. From simple popsongs to artistic stubbornness. Beep! Beep! is proud to be a platform for the eclectic mix of talent that is equally talented as hard-working. Beep! Beep! represents the following artists at the moment: The Black Atlantic, My Bubba & Mi, Moon & Sun, Alden Penner, We vs. Death, Paper Tiger, Het Gloren, Schotel van de Dag, Kismet and The Walt.