

Press release

Antti Paalanen to Release Fifth Solo Album: Haitarimarinadi



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Accordionist and throat singer Antti Paalanen, who captivatingly blends ancient traditions with modern sounds, will release his fifth solo album on May 29th. *Haitarimarinadi* ("Accordion Marinade") weaves together Paalanen's exciting recent years of international cult acclaim while offering glimpses into his future musical directions.

The cornerstone of the album is the hit single "Takatukka" (The Mullet), which secured a massive landslide second-place finish in Finland's Eurovision selection (UMK) and introduced millions of listeners to Paalanen's hypnotic sound. The same positive life philosophy, delivered through a fusion of folk and pop, can be heard on the May Day single "Aerobikki." As a counterpoint to these party anthems, the versatile album also showcases a more organic Paalanen, such as on the gentle and upbeat focus track "Aijaijai".

The album reflects Paalanen's core spiritual values and deep respect for nature. Built over four years, the album captures the listener in a unique atmosphere where the boundaries between worlds blur.

"In the album's overarching story, an ancient shamanic soul arrives in the modern day to wonder what is going on here," Antti Paalanen explains.

"The soul visits a barber, ends up at a gym, pauses to reflect on the transience of life, and meets its ancestors. Finally, it returns to the world in the form of a

bear to contemplate the significance of nature. Along the way, it seeks love in the vast plains, celebrates life at the Kaustinen Folk Music Festival, and finally settles down by a campfire—as the embers fade, it is time to rest."

Paalanen's musical "stew" has evolved naturally. As a child, he was equally fascinated by the sound of accordion and the hard rock videos shown on MusicTV. During his studies, he delved into the secrets of folk music and composed new music for the diatonic accordion. Along the way, he found Mongolian-style throat singing, a technique he utilizes in his deep, growling vocal delivery.

For years, Antti Paalanen has toured extensively across Europe, gaining a particularly strong following in France. He has also performed several times in North America, as well as in Japan and Hong Kong. On stage, his one-man band creates a massive, pulsing wall of sound—a unique combination of bass, harmony, melody, and beat.

With 5 million streams, "Takatukka" has become a genuine phenomenon, sung and danced to everywhere from karaoke bars to youth sporting events. The reception for "Aerobikki" has been equally enthusiastic. The impressive sound on *Haitarimarinadi* is created by top class pop producer Lauri Halavaara.

"The songs on this album were largely born in co-writing sessions with my wife Heidi Maria Paalanen, as well as Saara Törmä, Lauri Halavaara, and Jarkko Meretniemi. This process has brought out entirely new sides of me – the 'dark' Paalanen has shed his skin to reveal 'Sunny-Antti.' It's been wonderful to look at the world together and wonder how we might solve its sorrows," Paalanen rejoices.

The release of *Haitarimarinadi* will be celebrated on May 27th at legendary Tavastia club in Helsinki, followed by major summer festivals in Europe, including a June tour in France, Kesärauha, Haapavesi Folk, Kihaus and Kaustinen in Finland, Rudolstadt in Germany, Paleo Nyon in Switzerland, Sfinks and Trefpunt in Belgium, Porta in Latvia and opening for The Cure in Tallinn, Estonia.

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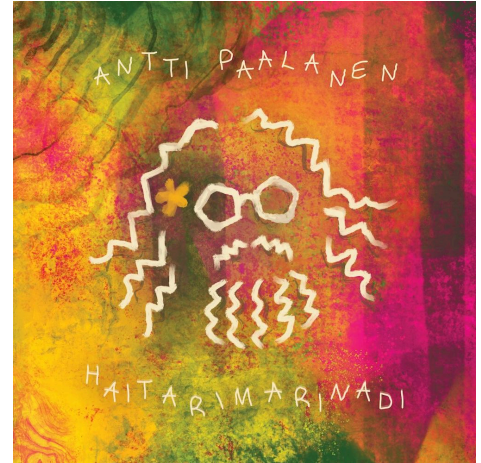
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1. Ikivanha 3:17

Music & lyrics: Heidi Maria Paalanen & Antti Paalanen

2. Takatukka 2:50

Music: Lauri Halavaara, Antti Paalanen, Heidi Maria Paalanen, Saara Törmä

Lyrics: Heidi Maria Paalanen, Saara Törmä

3. Aerobikki 2:49

Music: Heidi Maria Paalanen, Saara Törmä, Antti Paalanen

Lyrics: Heidi Maria Paalanen, Saara Törmä

4. Kirsikankukka 3:44

Music & lyrics: Jarkko Meretniemi, Heidi Maria Paalanen, Antti Paalanen

5. Pojanpojanpoika 5:36

Music & lyrics: Antti Paalanen

6. Alavilla mailla 3:05

Music: Heidi Maria Paalanen, Antti Paalanen, Lauri Halavaara

Lyrics: Heidi Maria Paalanen

7. Laulu luonnolle 4:49

Music: Antti Paalanen

Lyrics: Antti Paalanen, Traditional

8. Ihan vaan käymään (Folkkarit feat. Antti Paalanen) 3:56

Music: Traditional (Son ar Chistr / Brittany)

Lyrics: Heidi Maria Paalanen

Arrangement: Ville Ojanen, Antti Paalanen

9. Aijajai 3:13

Music & lyrics: Jarkko Meretniemi, Heidi Maria Paalanen, Antti Paalanen

10. Hiilloksella 6:13

Music & lyrics: Heidi Maria Paalanen & Antti Paalanen