

CONTAGIOUS ORGASM · SALT. a strange illustrated guide.
12" vinyl lp / digital album. ant-zen act430 / raubbau raub-096

available on bandcamp:

<https://ant-zen.bandcamp.com/album/a-strange-illustrated-guide>

<https://raubbau.bandcamp.com/album/a-strange-illustrated-guide>

tracklist:

01. contagious orgasm - last sketchbook
02. contagious orgasm - abrupt
03. contagious orgasm - intertwined tongue
04. contagious orgasm - black lingerie
05. salt - abrasion
06. salt - blanket
07. salt - impermanent

CONTAGIOUS ORGASM . track 1-4

composed and performed by h h. and fts. recorded and mixed at cool anatomy and yard cemetery, 2022

www.sssm.bandcamp.com

<https://www.discogs.com/artist/13259-contagious-orgasm>

SALT. track 5-7

art by salt. engineered by dan courtman. mastered by anatoly grinberg.

www.instagram.com/salzfabrik

<https://www.discogs.com/artist/6728-salt>

<https://www.facebook.com/stefan.alt>

<https://www.behance.net/salzfabrik>

pure black 12" vinyl. matte black die-cut sleeve and two inlays: handcrafted cutup collage & block print - each piece has a unique design. numbered edition of 100 copies incl. digital download-code. design & print by stefan alt & a. lawrence. this is ant-zen act430 & raubbau raub-096. release date: 19.04.2023

long before streaming platforms revolutionised the way music was delivered, a small object captured a new wave of music and pop culture, carrying sounds that otherwise wouldn't have existed, the cassette tape. "cassette culture", refers to an international music scene and network that developed in the wake of punk in the second half of the 1970s and featured a large number of amateur musicians outside the established music industry. since 1987, contagious orgasm and his label sssm from japan has been active in many diverse areas, intersecting experimental electronic noise and was part of various international tape noise scenes. without any electronic ways of communication, this network was the meeting point of the like-minded with their love of experimental music. it was the place, where stefan alt aka salt met contagious orgasm for the first time and it was the beginning of a long and intimate friendship. it's a strange feeling, thinking back to how it was, sending tapes with music, handwritten letters translated with the help of a dictionary, to a person you barely know, to a country you've never visited, whose language you don't understand - literally on the other side of the planet. it worked out so well and intensely, that we met several times in nagoya, japan and regensburg, germany - music was just the beginning.

"es wird immer weitergehen - musik als träger von ideen". this legendary sentence from kraftwerk has proven true once again - thank you, music for bringing us and our thoughts together. the music label ant-zen was established 30 years ago as a platform for experimental music and art and has been part of the cassette culture network. today we celebrate the 30+ years friendship of contagious orgasm and salt with the split lp "a strange illustrated guide". one soundtrack in two chapters showing the perception & consistency, deviation & continuity with swirling sounds, intoxicating psychedelia and crude samples, found rhythms and harmonies, concrete sounds and ambient noise. the logo artwork and cutout of the vinyl sleeve contains the initials of both artists, while the collage work harks back to the cutup methods used for covers of many cassette culture releases. it includes a lot of detail from the travels to nagoya and regensburg, plus several thoughts and experiences we had together. feel trapped in our unique sonic unreality.

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