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RONE - TOHU BOHU





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f your name is synonymous to the best music to have appeared on Agoria's InFiné label, well, then you know you're something right (epic understatement alert). We're talking about Rone, the French producer whose debut album 'Spanish Breakfast' catapulted him on to the top regions in the field of highly melodious, atmospheric and experimental house and techno upon its release in 2009. Ever since, the French producer has been working frenetically to deliver his second album, which he completed after moving to Berlin in early 2011.

We can be fairly short about this one (it's genius! Again!), but let's take a closer look for the sake of pinpointing its grandeur. Tohu-Bohu' reflects the same deceivingly laidback approach to electronic music, but in an even more evolved and mature way than his debut album. Across ten tracks, Rone shifts from hypnotic electronica, ambient, techno and everything between, with the result being an impressive palette of near-ethereal sounds.

The album opens strong with the glistening 'Bye Bye Macadam', a track supported by hiphop-ish beats and topped with several layers of melodramatic arps and strings. The bittersweet 'Fugu Kiss' and the minimalistic 'Beast' are two other examples of electronica at its most heartwarming, while album highlight 'Let's Go, with raps by High Priest Of Antipop Consortium' reflects a completely different side of the producer in the form of a very impressive collage of hip-hop and electronica. Near the end, 'Parade' provides a sheer bit of minimal techno for the dancefloor, after which the symphonic 'Icare' (feat Gaspard Claus) ends the album with what sounds like a tribute to filmic Jean-Michel Jarre synthesizerpop. We can rest assure, this second album by Rone is another timeless classic.

Our verdict:

It's not often that you come across an album as musical, daring and ahead of its time as this one. Rone's second album is one on which creativity and musical talent from a sparkling combination you can't help but love, and we highly recommend you to check it out as soon as it's available....

Rating: 9.0/10 Label: InFiné

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