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KIND & KINKY ZOO (CH - Lausanne)

Album: **Swamp!**

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If Kind & Kinky Zoo's debut album, "Released!" (2017), unleashed all the energy of wild animals freed from their cages, their second effort, "Swamp!", dives into the abyssal universe of the underwater world. Packed with the vibrant energy of dancefloor grooves that get your feet moving and the sweat rolling down your neck, Kind & Kinky Zoo's music ventures into progressive developments that paint vast, eerie trance-like soundscapes. At the crossroads of many musical genres, the Lausanne quartet explores the boundaries of funk, rock, hip-hop and jazz.

Founded in 2005, Kind & Kinky Zoo has strived to create original instrumental funk music with a garage twist, to seduce lovers of soul, groove and urban jungle music in general ever since. The hybrid character of the band is also to be found in the sound design itself. As vintage sound lovers, the four members do not limit themselves to recreate the mythical style of Motown but have fun combining it with modern aesthetics. This specific sonic signature as well as an approach leading them to release singles on different record labels allowed Kind & Kinky Zoo to cover their tracks and enter the closed circle of bands providing rare grooves (a specific trend for DJs consisting of digging into old records and looping the most danceable parts to extract obscure and forgotten pieces).

On "Swamp!", the band's second full-length set to be released on vinyl on American label Funk Night Records, Kind & Kinky Zoo pursue their explorations, this time through water: found in the sweat flowing down the dancefloor but also in Mother Nature. Roaring bass ("Octopus Fiction"), drums at times rock or jazzy, an inhabited flute, funk influences, the inspiration of hip-hop beats: so many parts that continue to set Kind & Kinky Zoo as a completely irresistible UFO. And remaining true to its soul, the band sent out a few invitations: rapper La Nefera appears on the revolted "Hasta Cuando", BluRum13 lays down his lines on "B.U." and Rickey Calloway's voice captivates on "Hot Love", an unstoppable soul-garage hit.

Composed over the past 5 years, "Swamp!" is a mix of tracks written before the pandemic and songs born during the (Swiss semi-)lockdowns of 2020. It was recorded live at the Royal Studio in Lausanne

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as well as in Leipzig at Johannes Rieder's Golden Ticket. Organic, warm, spontaneous, embracing their tiny imperfections: the takes were then sent to David Hadzis of Arthanor Productions in Geneva for mixing and mastering. The cover is the work of Sébastien Buret aka Aple 76 from Grenoble, who is behind several of the band's artworks.

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