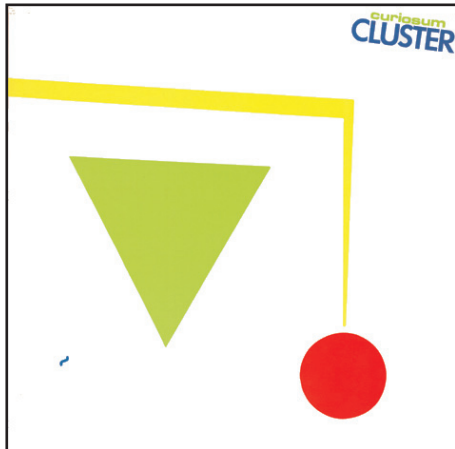


CLUSTER CURIOSUM

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ESSENTIAL FACTS

- The band: founded in 1971 by Hans-Joachim Roedelius and Dieter Moebius, both key figures in Germany's experimental electronic and ambient music scene
- The music: an electronic tour de force, lean and focussed, a contrast to the brash zeitgeist of punk and German new wave (NDW)
- *Curiosum* was their sixth album as a duo and was released in 1981
- Liner notes by electronic avant-garde pioneer Asmus Tietchens, a friend of the duo
- Available on **CD (digipak)** and **180g VINYL**

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With their sixth album as a duo, Cluster drew a line under their music of the 1970s. *Curiosum* was to mark a departure to pastures new. Little did they know that this would be their last release for the next nine years.

Curiosum was launched in 1981 into an atmosphere of musical turbulence. Electronic sounds had become commonplace in pop music and the voice of Cluster could barely be heard through the noise of a new generation of music.

Curiosum is a decidedly tranquil, almost melancholy album – quiet being the operative word, as Cluster slipped out of the limelight. It was recorded in rudimentary fashion in Austria, now home to Roedelius. This is Cluster music at its most serene, a sense of profound humility running through the seven tracks of the LP. It says a lot about the state of mind of the two musicians, allied to the fact that this was the first time they chose to mix

outside of Conny Plank's studio where, in the past, the finishing touches had been applied. Roedelius and Moebius laid their cards on the table for all to see, offering up *Curiosum* as an honest, unadorned selection of tracks, free of artifice and preconception. The album represented a return to the virtues of their early work (when Cluster was written with a "K"), random and spontaneous.

Curiosum is nothing if not a curiosity, wholly resistant to the cacophonous zeitgeist of the early Eighties, stripped down and keenly focussed. This is Cluster's swansong to the past.

Tracklisting

1. OH ODESSA (3:02)
2. PROANTIPRO (6:59)
3. SELTSAME GEGEND (7:32)
4. HELLE MELANGE (3:36)
5. TRISTAN IN DER BAR (2:54)
6. CHARLIC (4:26)
7. UFER (8:16)

