

Hayvanlar Alemi

Instrumental Psych-Folk-Rock from Ankara



Biography:

Hayvanlar Alemi is a psychedelic folk rock band founded in Ankara. They got together in secondary school in 1999, when they were 14. Classical rock and heavy metal were big influences on teenagers in Ankara then, and they started their musical venture playing hard-and-heavy covers, but very soon self-discovered free improvisation and moved into a more avant-garde approach, and later on occasionally deployed traditional instruments, found-sound elements like live radio, and colorful stage theatrics. They were influenced by the new folk-infused experimental rock scene of the late 90s Istanbul, but isolated from any music scene in Ankara, their sound and song-structure diverged from their contemporaries as they incorporated elements from the findings of their musical research into their sound, which included folk, pop and hybrid sounds of South East Asia, East and West Africa, South America and Russia, as well as Jamaican dub reggae and Californian surf.

Having begun self-releasing cdrs in 2004, Hayvanlar Alemi released their first album "Gaga" through Ankara label 003 Records in 2006. Their second album "Guarana Superpower", mostly culled from tracks on their cdrs from 2007 to 2009, was released by Seattle label Sublime Frequencies in 2010, followed by a cover of Mulatu Astatke's Ethiopian instrumental piece "Yekermo Sew" on seven inch vinyl. Following the release of Guarana Superpower which received positive reviews from publications such as The Guardian, Uncut and Wire, Hayvanlar Alemi opened for Group Doueh in London's Barbican Centre and played a surprise performance at All Tomorrow's Parties Festival Curated by Animal Collective. Since then they have been touring routinely and presenting their music to live audiences in Western Europe. The band's third official album "Twisted Souvenirs", which was recorded in 2011 and 2012, came out on vinyl on Germany-based label Unrock, and came out on digital format on the band's own label Inverted Spectrum Records, which has also released "Tyro", the first solo album by the band's guitar player Özüm İtez. An old cdr with dub influences, "Visions of a Psychedelic Ankara" is reissued on vinyl on Glitterbeat records in 2015 with bonus tracks.

Hayvanlar Alemi consists of Özüm İtez, Işık Sarıhan, Hazar Mutgan and Gökçe Başar. As they have been separated by geographical boundaries since 2006, the band has a flexible repertoire which allows them to play in power-duo and power-trio formations as well. In the past few years, Hayvanlar Alemi mostly toured with an old-school three piece set up with drums (Sarıhan), bass (Mutgan) and electric guitar (İtez), with an emphasis on heavy psychedelic rock. Band's name translates to English as "Animal Kingdom". Outside music, band members work in the fields of architecture, engineering, physics and philosophy.

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Interview on [Radio Orient](#)

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Guarana Superpower review on [Dusted Magazine](#)

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Official Discography

[Visions of a Psychedelic Ankara](#) (2015, Glitterbeat – Germany/Slovenia (LP Reissue of CDr)

[Twisted Souvenirs](#) (2014, Unrock – Germany (LP); Shalgam Records (CD))

[Yekermo Sew](#) (7" single, 2012, Sublime Frequencies, USA)

[Guarana Superpower](#) (2010, Sublime Frequencies - USA)

[Gaga](#) (2006, 003 Records – Turkey)

For full discography with unofficial releases see [official website](#).

Recent Representative Recordings and Performance Footage:

Yekermo Sew ([YouTube](#))

Hadron Collider Twist ([YouTube](#))

Ineffable Dresscode ([YouTube](#))

Hayvanlar Alemi 2011 ([Soundcloud](#))

Opening Improvisation from ATP ([YouTube](#))

Live in Madrid, 2011 (Audience Footage) ([YouTube](#))



Some Recent Shows:

2014-2015

Global Copenhagen, Copenhagen – Denmark

ACUD, Berlin – Germany

Vooruit, Ghent – Belgium

Les Ateliers Claus, Brussels – Belgium

Druga Godba Festival, Ljubljana – Slovenia

Golya, Budapest – Hungary

KC Grad, Belgrade – Serbia

2012

Motel Mozaique Festival, Rotterdam - Netherlands

Patronaat, Haarlem - Netherlands

De Kreun, Kortrijk - Belgium

Le Bourg, Lausanne - Switzerland

L'Ecurie, Geneva - Switzerland

Sotu Festival, Amsterdam - Netherlands

Les Instants Chavires, Paris - France

Pop Revo Festival, Aarhus - Denmark

Schilling Festival, Kilingi-Nõmme – Estonia

2010 -2011

The Art Foundation, Athens - Greece

Barbican Centre, London - England

All Tomorrow's Parties Festival, Minehead - England

Milhoes de Festa, Barcelos - Portugal

Cidade de Cultura, Santiago de Compostela - Spain

La Faena II, Madrid - Spain

Kolaj İstanbul Festival, Paris - France

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