

THE IMPERIAL MUSTARD



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THE IMPERIAL MUSTARD - Turn The Stone

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What happens when five souls meet somewhere between reality and reverb – who love The Velvet Underground, understand Captain Beefheart, trippin' to Can, freakin' out like Devo and get lost with Neil Young? Exactly: **THE IMPERIAL MUSTARD turn the stone.**

With their second album *Turn The Stone*, Frankfurt's quintet THE IMPERIAL MUSTARD present nine new tracks – born from free improvisation, grown in the moss of repetition, and blooming in shimmering delay. These are not songs that were written – they were found. In the moment. From the collective. From the subconscious. "It's happening right now!" – that's not just a motto, it's the musical state of being for this band that refuses to be pinned down to a single style. Sometimes krauty, sometimes funky, sometimes wavy – but always grooving, psychedelic, open. THE IMPERIAL MUSTARD play as if they're not playing at all, but translating – whatever happens to be floating in the ether.

Turn The Stone is the logical continuation of their acclaimed debut Room One, which in 2023 surprised listeners with long, shimmering tracks and a vibrant live energy. Once again, it's clear: this band loves risk. And they know exactly how to turn that risk into art. Between stoic motorik beats, eruptive guitar duels (Gene Deja & Hank Wagner), a deep, driving rhythm section (Carsten Eckermann & Stefan Myschor), and Suse Michel got that deep, smoky kinda voice, tracks emerge that feel like psychedelic fairy tales – never the same, never predictable, but always compelling.

If you want to hear what pop music can sound like when it's run through a space echo and filtered with heart and soul – this is where you need to be.

LIVE: THE IMPERIAL MUSTARD will present Turn The Stone on

- 29.11.2025 at Psychedelic Network Festival, Café Cairo (Würzburg)
- 12.12.2025 at the official release party at KJK Offenbach together with Das Öl Brennt Trio.

Tracklist? Whatever. Genre? Hard to say. Effect? Maximum.

Turn The Stone is not an album – it's an invitation to collective consciousness expansion. File under: Kraut. Indie. Psych. Space. Love.

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