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Vita / Bio

There's a joyful exuberance that comes from improvised music, as pure unfiltered creation meets with talent and skill to create accidents and moments freed from the shackles of structure and predictability. That David Koch's early forays into music were driven by improvisation speaks volumes for the excitement and energy that emanates from him as a producer today.

Any artist will happily regale an audience about formative years spent listening to the family record collection, and some may have even started out with instruments, but in David's case his creative arc began when he first picked up a French horn aged 6. It's telling that he decided to leave behind the prescribed path of a classical musician and preferred to improvise, even before he picked up the saxophone six years later. Mixing a self-taught process with some professional guidance, David absorbed the heritage of his grandfather's bebop and jazz records and progressed to joining the Musikhochschule Hanns Eisler conservatory in Berlin. By the time he had finished his studies and was drawn into the seductive world of electronic music production, he had already been defining a musical direction for the vast majority of his life. David's introduction to the world at large, at least within the confines of underground house and techno, came once he adopted the DeWalta alias. At the same time he launched the Meander label with Fabian Geimer and Jens Körner, providing an ideal platform for his unique slant on production as well as that of a handful of like-minded artists.

Whether producing for Meander or Vakant, Kalk Pets or Cynosure, there's a unifying quality to David's music. As with all good artists it's somewhat indefinable, but it exists somewhere between the rattle and tumble of organic percussion, the vibrant lashings of horns and the warm, rounded electronics. There's no escaping the strong and determined groove that propels these tracks, but equally the playful energy and maverick charm belie David's accomplished musical career.

Of course the past is influential, but of equal importance is the people you meet along the way and how you let them shape your destiny. In David's case, as a long time Berlin resident it was inevitable that he would cross paths with an artist like Mike Shannon. After they dived into the studio and producing two EPs together, it was a natural progression for David to entrust his debut album to the plucky Canadian, and so "Wander" was brought to the world via Mike's Haunt imprint.

It's not easy to portray the complexities of an artist in the confines of a release, but on "Wander" David has achieved a rich and detailed account of who he is as a musician. Each track deals in a head-spinning amount of detail in between the more prominent beats and melodies, from strange analogue FX to fast and loose improvisations. More than anything though, it taps into that aforementioned exuberance which comes from an artist who has grown up making things up his own way. DeWalta is proof, if ever it was needed, that it's more fun to not compute.

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<http://www.residentadvisor.net/dj/dewalta>
<https://www.facebook.com/dewaltadavid>
<https://soundcloud.com/dewalta>
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Releases DeWalta:

releases				
recording artist	title	label	format	date
DeWalta & Voigtmann	Ground Effect EP	Hello?Repeat	12"	2014
DeWalta & Mike Shannon	The Runaway Sugar Cube EP	Cynosure	12"	2014
DeWalta	Illumination	Meander	2x12", Album	2014
DeWalta	Illumination Part I	Meander	12" LP	2014
DeWalta	Illumination Part II	Meander	12" LP	2014
DeWalta & Mike Shannon	All Inclusive EP	Haunt	12"	2013
DeWalta	Thinkers EP	Vakant	12"	2013
DeWalta & Mike Shannon	The Adventures Of Saint Jack De Smoove	Meander	12"	2012
DeWalta	Malbec / Syrah	Salon Records	12"	2012
DeWalta	Wander	Haunt	2xLP	2012
DeWalta & Mike Shannon	No Rest for the Wicked	Cynosure	12"	2011
DeWalta	Keep on	Meander	12"	2011
DeWalta	The Antiparallel	Meander	4xFile, MP3, EP	2011
DeWalta	Nightshade EP	Vakant	12"	2009
DeWalta	Saluki	Meander	12"	2009
DeWalta	Hide and Seek	KalkPets	12"	2008
DeWalta	Salgaro / Farina	Vakant	12"	2008
DeWalta	Skipper	Meander	12"	2007
DeWalta	Eftive / Tesla	Meander	12"	2007
DeWalta	Nebelhorn EP	KalkPets	12"	2007
remixes				
recording artist	title	label	format	date
Avatism	Laments (DeWalta Remix)	Vakant	12"	2014
Imugem Orihasam	Time (The Mole, Hreno & DeWalta Remix)	Meander	12"	2013
Various - Sampler 002	With Tobiko (DeWalta Remix)	Kina Music	12"	2013
Beaner / Skirtchaser / Khrom Ju	Louis Belson (DeWalta Rmx)	La Mission	12"	2013
Jon Ludwig	Background Be (DeWalta Private Rework)	Meander	12"	2012
Mathias Kaden	Ikenga (DeWalta's Distance Remix)	Vakant R	12"	2010
Mike Shannon	Surrender (DeWalta Mix)	Haunt	12"	2010
Dilo	Ice (DeWalta Remix)	Einmaleins Musik	12"	2009
appearances				
recording artist	title	label	format	date
Rain	Various - Vinyl Club Concept Part III	Vinylclub	12"	2014
Tetraeder	Various - Family Jubilee	Meander	12"	2012
Barksdale (Movin On)	Various - Bermuda 2012 Presents City Sound Berlin	BerMuDa Music	2xCD Comp.	2012
Tauben Summer	Various - Focal Point Vol. 4	Cynosure	18xFile, MP3, Comp.	2012
Stringer Bell	Various - Family Values EP	Vakant	12"	2010