

Artist: Hannu Karjalainen  
Album name: Railo

Description of album:

The finnish electronic composer and visual artist Hannu Karjalainen returns with a new album, his first since 2018's Drift (on NYC based label Kingdoms). The album features seven electroacoustic ambient soundscapes that explore different winter phenomena and weather conditions.

The tracks were composed during the winter months in Helsinki, Finland in 2019-2021.

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Release date: March 19th 2021

# Beautiful cold winter - Railo

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Artist **Hannu Karjalainen** and his new LP **Railo** is the third album to be released on the **Signature Dark** label, first digitally and later on vinyl. The album features seven electroacoustic ambient soundscapes.

The tracks were composed during the winter months in Helsinki, Finland in 2019-2021. *Railo* (finnish for "a crack in the ice" or "crevasse") can be seen as an ode to winter, the richness of the seasons and different weather conditions which have been an inspiration to Karjalainen's work.

The arc of the album follows seasons from autumn to spring, starting from cold autumn winds (*Viima*) and ending to the melting of the ice (*Sula*). Different winter phenomena are explored on the way, including "*Routa*" (finnish for "ground frost"), "*Kuura*" (rime) and "*Kelirikko*" (a term known especially in the archipelago meaning a time at the end of winter when the frozen sea does not support transportation anymore but boat traffic is neither possible). Yet, the album is being suffused with a sadness stemming from the threatening permanent changes in the diversity and balance of nature through the climate change caused by us.

"*Railo*" is an audiovisual project which also contains two video art works to be released online, "*Railo*" and "*Sula*". The video of "*Railo*" depicts a constantly mutating snowy landscape while the cracks and rumbles on soundtrack take us seemingly inside the ice.

Hannu Karjalainen is an internationally acclaimed electronic musician, video artist and photographer based in **Helsinki, Finland**. His albums have been released on international record labels since 2007, lately on the renowned German label **Karaoke Kalk**. Domestically Karjalainen is known as the recipient of **Young Artist of the Year** (in 2009), one of Finland's biggest art awards. His video art works and photographs have been exhibited in **New York, Berlin, Zürich, Paris** and Helsinki, among other places.

Signature Dark record label was founded in May 2020 in Helsinki. The core of the label is to release dark, melancholic, minimalist and cinematic music. Genres such as ambient, drone and dark / doom / noir jazz are in the spotlight, but there's always room for other material as well as long as it fits the big picture with everything starting from the experimental ground.

**Hannu Karjalainen - Railo will be released on Signature Dark label on March 19th, 2021. Single will be out March 5th, 2021.**

**Signature Dark March 1st, 2021**

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