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NM014 – Gone Bald – Exotic Klaustrofobia (cd, 17 May 2005)

NM015 – Petrified Host – As When Lighted (limited cd / FREE mp3 release, 13 April 2005)

The latest two releases on Narrominded mark a broadening of the musical landscape shown thus far on the Dutch label. Gone Bald creates a mix of emotional noise-rock, new wave and free-jazz. Petrified Host is more straightforward and makes heavy, but catchy poprock songs.

In 2002 Narrominded released the successful electronic compilation lp 'We're Running out of West', followed by the first two editions of the Split LP series (Living Ornaments / Accelera Deck, 2003 and Hydrus / Kettel, 2004). The release of 'Apocalypse Has Been Dubbed the Weekend Pill' by Psychon in November 2004 already gave a hint of Narrominded's future direction. "Psychon approaches music no-holds-barred; one gets the sense that everything and anything is possible", writes Dave Heaton of Erasing Clouds.

Narrominded also explores different means to release music. 'As When Lighted' by Petrified Host is the first mp3 release and can be downloaded for free from the Narrominded website.

Gone Bald

The Amsterdam-based band Gone Bald is Razorblade Jr. (guitar, vocals), Stanley Disko (bass) and Bubba de Vries (drums). The band originated in 1994. After diverse releases on labels like Kekere Aquarium, 100% Recordings and FBWL records, they released the critically acclaimed cd 'Soul Vacation in Rehab Clinic' in 2003 on the Austrian label Interstellar Records.

The Gone Bald history is a story of hardship and many line-up changes, but with 'Exotic Klaustrofobia' the band finally finds the ultimate line-up. Constant factor Razorblade Jr. plays more passionate than ever, drummer Bubba tight and sophisticated and bass player Stanley fills in the low end with a helicopter of bass sounds. The three of them have recorded this new album and it sounds better than the group have ever sounded before.

2004 was a year of extensive touring in Europe and marked the ten year anniversary of the band, which was celebrated with a festival in Amsterdam with acts like The Ex, Living Ornaments, Makazoruki and Peach Pit (Croatia). In 2005 they will support the release of 'Exotic Klaustrofobia' with their excellent and already legendary live performances. Gone Bald will throw a release party Friday 27 May at the Occii, Amsterdam.

Press quotes on 'Soul Vacation in Rehab Clinic':

"The pure, raw emotion characterizes the band with something, other bands pursue for maybe their whole life: Soul." (Big Kult, Austria)

"Being thrown back and forth between heaven and hell, or the other way around; wallowing in romantic contemplations or being dragged away by the intense and ruthless outbursts of violence – that's the point." (Fret, The Netherlands)

"It's one of the best loud cd's I've heard in years, thanks to the intense emotion, clever variation and pureness. This boy's going to look for a Rehab Clinic, it should be a fantastic place to visit." (Gonzo, Belgium)

"This is the greatest piece of music I have heard in a long time." (Cracked, Austria)

Petrified Host

Petrified Host is Gabry (vocals, guitar, drums) and Lars (vocals, bass, keys). Both members have a rich past in the music business. They started working together early nineties in a band named Gloat, one of the many bands influenced by Nirvana and the lo-fi movement. Basic songs were recorded on 4-track, but eventually nothing happened with the material. Lars continued his solo career and made two albums (Moral Sewer, 1997 and Waving with Newtons, 2001); Gabry founded the noise-rock band SGP, who released a 7" on Narrominded in 2001, and later the math-rock project Morbide Eenheid, who just released their first EP 'Op een boereiland 2 jaar geleden'.

In 2002 they began to write songs together again. They usually came together in the weekends and, with a couple of beers, wrote two or three songs per night and made up a bandname for the occasion. The songs were immediately recorded to 4-track. After a while the material began to pile up. In 2004 they recorded a selection of tracks with some classics from the early days in the Boeton Studio in Amsterdam. The result is a stunning mix of catchy pop and riff driven rock songs. 'As When Lighted' can be downloaded for free from the Narrominded website.

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The Narrominded record label will continue to release music on various formats (lp, cd, mp3). Upcoming releases are the debut album from the new wave / post-punk band Makazoruki and full-length cd's by electronic musicians Hydrus, Garçon Taupe and Living Ornaments. Narrominded will also continue with the successful series of Split LP's. Petrified Host, Makazoruki, Gone Bald and many others can be seen live Saturday 4 June at Zaal 100, Amsterdam. More info: www.retroretry.com.

High resolution images of the album sleeves are available on www.narrominded.com.