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NM056: MATTO FRANK – CHINA

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In February 2009, Matto Frank traveled around China where he recorded sounds with a malfunctioning microphone. What struck him was the huge presence of pop music and other synthetic sounds in public spaces. 'It seems like in China they enjoy turning up everything as loud as possible, even if it results in . heavy distortion from the speakers. Sales people use microphones to advertise their goods and in combination with the loud music, sometimes huge feedback erupts, but nobody seems to be bothered by that.' He decided to capture the noise around him 'as raw and blunt as possible'. On *China* he mixes these recordings with his own work, ambient tracks that allow the listener some breathing room in between the hectic Chinese soundscapes.

China is a quirky trip through China just after the 2008 Olympics. The fragments reveal something of the new hospitality of the once closed communist country: conversations with curious passersby, exuberant welcome hymns and pop music made by Western standards.

In his live sets Matto Frank mixes Chinese music with his own work, noise and distorted vocals.

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Matto Frank is Frank Schouten. *China* is his debut release on Narrominded. Under the name Hakki Takki he creates improvised techno and made a contribution to the Narrominded release *Retro Retry 2: Another Another Green World*, a remake of the legendary album by Brian Eno. Schouten also presents the weekly radio show Wasmachine on DFM.nu (formerly Radio 100) and he runs the record label Plattegrond, which releases music by artists such as Reefteef, Bahk and Peter Quistgard.

ABOUT NARROMINDED

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