

# RASKOLNIKOV



Influenced by the various wave, post-punk and shoegaze movements of the 70s, 80s and 90s, Raskolnikov's music is as melancholic as it is hypnotic and energetic, with existentialist lyrics.

It's a mix of the dark and floating universe of coldwave, mixed with the rebellious energy of post-punk and the melodic density of shoegaze. A penetrating voice accompanies the music, communicating open-ended questions from a first-person perspective, about destruction, anger, obsession, oblivion, regression, fear, failure, pain, regret, downfall and loss of self, but not without references to hope.

This polyphony of unordered consciousness, which leads to the division of the self, refers to the name of the group, which comes back to the protagonist Rodion Raskolnikov in Fedor Dostoevsky's social-psychological-philosophical novel "Crime and Punishment" (in Russian: "Prestuplenie i nakazanie", 1866). The Russian word 'raskol' means schism, the break with the conventions of the musical genre to which the group's work refers, as well as the nominative notions of individual and collective being, reason and madness, isolation by society.

The debut album "Hochmut kommt vor dem Fall" was released on 18th October 2017 on the Parisian label Manic Depression Records. The seven tracks written and recorded on guitar, vocals and bass by Mathieu Pawełski-Szpiechowycz, appeared on a first EP released in 2016, then reworked together with Jérôme Blum (drums and synthesizers), to appear on the first album. This first production, signed to Manic Depression Records, received a lot of encouragement from the dark scene, with the band playing between February 2017 and December 2019 more than 70 gigs across Europe.





The second album "Lazy people will destroy you" will be released on February 28th 2020 on Manic Depression Records and Icy Cold Records. The universe of the songs retains the same trademark for the second opus; sometimes dark and unbridled, sometimes cold and melancholic. The sound recordings of the ten tracks were recorded in several locations throughout 2019; in France, Switzerland and Germany, then entrusted to Jaime Fernandez Da Costa, a sound engineer based in Constance (Germany).

The concert dates scheduled for spring and autumn 2020 were cancelled or moved to late 2021 and 2022. The decision to record and film the set that should have been played in front of the audience this year was then taken by the band members. 8 live tracks were recorded at La Mine on September 3rd 2020 in Geneva. Jaime Fernandez Da Costa mixed and mastered the sound and the film was directed and produced by Yohan Schott.

"Don't want to die of boredom today" was released in spring 2021 in audio and video on the band's RS platforms and in physical format on Icy Cold Records and Manic Depression Records.

Full live set on YouTube : [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1p\\_T8nlgp8&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1p_T8nlgp8&feature=youtu.be)



The band Raskolnikov was formed by Mathieu Pawełski-Szpiechowycz (bass / vocals) at the end of 2015, travelling between Geneva, Paris, Reims and Constance. Pablo Garrido (guitar) and Jérôme Blum (drums) joined the project at the beginning of 2017. The sound engineer Jaime Fernandez Da Costa who produced the second album and the live session in 2021 is playing in the band as guitarist since 2021.

A third album, preceded by a single and a digital EP in spring 2024, will come up in fall 2024.



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## List of concerts

2017

22/02 LA CHAUX DE FONDS - LA MACHINE À TRUCS  
23/02 LAUSANNE - OBLO  
24/02 GENEVE - LE BOUFFON DE LA TAVERNE  
18/05 REIMS - APPART CAFE  
19/05 GENEVE - L'ECURIE  
20/05 THONON - L'ATELIER COLLECTIF  
21/05 LYON - LE MOKO  
23/05 TOURS - COLETTE'S  
24/05 LA CHAPELLE/ERDRE - LE GRIGRI  
25/05 RENNES - LE BAR HIC - La Villa Diodatti  
27/05 ROUEN - EMPORIUM GALLORIUM  
28/05 PARIS - L'OLYMPIC  
09/06 KREUZLINGEN - HORST KLUB  
10/06 AACHEN - SCHLÜSSELLOCH  
13/06 BREMEN - KULTUR IM BUNKER  
15/06 KOBENHAVN - DROP INN  
17/06 GORZOW WLKP - WHISKEY JAR  
20/06 WROCLAW - LIVERPOOL KLUB  
21/06 KRAKOW - POD ZIEMIA  
15/07 STUTTGART - CLUB ZENTRAL  
02/09 TROYES - THE MESSAGE  
20/10 GENEVE - LE BOUFFON DE LA TAVERNE  
31/10 KONSTANZ - KLIMPERKASTEN  
11/11 LE HAVRE - Mc DAIDS

2018

24/01 GRAZ - WAKUUM KLUB  
25/01 WIEN - VENSTER 99  
26/01 LEIPZIG - NOCH BESSER LEBEN  
27/01 GORZOW WLKP - WHISKEY JAR  
28/01 KRAKOW - CEMETERY PUB  
30/01 WROCLAW - LIVERPOOL KLUB  
31/01 HAMBURG - POOCA BAR  
02/02 BERLIN - SUPAMOLLY  
17/03 GRENOBLE - LA BOBINE  
21/03 LES CARROZ - CARPE DIEM  
23/03 LA CHAUX DE FDS - L'ENTROULOOP  
24/03 GENÈVE - BRITANNIA  
12/04 PRAGUE - KLUBOVNA  
28/04 KONSTANZ - CONTRAST  
15/05 PARIS - SUPERSONIC  
16/05 NANCY - THE RIVETER  
17/05 REIMS - APPART CAFÉ  
24/10 KREUZLINGEN - HORST KLUB  
25/10 LYON - LE FARMER  
27/10 ANNEMASSE - CHÂTEAU ROUGE

2019

11/01 KONSTANZ - K9  
12/01 THONON - L'ATELIER COLLECTIF  
30/01 BONN - KULT 41  
31/01 ESSEN - BACKYARD CLUB  
02/02 KÖLN - TSUNAMI CLUB  
15/02 RENNES - MARQUIS DE SADE  
16/02 PARIS - BLACK STAR  
13/03 LEIPZIG - NOCH BESSER LEBEN  
14/03 HAMBURG - KIR  
15/03 BERLIN - SUPAMOLLY  
27/03 NÜRNBERG - PROJEKT 31  
28/03 PRAHA - KLUBOVNA  
29/03 WIEN - DOWN UNDER  
30/03 BROUMOV - UNDERGROUND CLUB EDEN  
19/04 ZÜRICH - X-TRA  
25/10 KREUZLINGEN - HORST KLUB  
31/10 SAINT-ETIENNE - LE PIED DE BICHE  
01/11 GENEVE - LA MAKHNO  
08/11 SAARBRÜCKEN - HOFHAUS  
09/11 AUGSBURG - BALLON FABRIK  
26/11 PARIS - LA FOISONNANTE  
27/11 PARIS - L'INTERNATIONAL  
28/11 CHÂLON SUR SAÔNE - LA PENICHE  
13/12 SION - LE POINT 11  
14/12 LA CHAUX DE FONDS - L'ENTROULOOP

2020

06/02 LYON - LE FARMER  
12/02 ZÜRICH - EBRIETAS  
13/02 STUTTGART - NEUE SCHARTEL  
14/02 BONN - KULT 41  
15/02 NANCY - MJC 3 MAISONS  
21/02 BERLIN - SUPAMOLLY

2021

17/05 GENEVE - VILLA TACCHINI  
26/06 BIEL/BIENNE - ARTBEAT FESTIVAL  
17/09 ERNEGEM - B52  
18/09 ENGIS - LIEGE WAVE FESTIVAL  
22/10 KONSTANZ - K9  
12/11 HAMBURG - MS STUBNITZ  
13/11 BONN - KULT 41  
14/11 SAARBRÜCKEN - BLACK WATER FESTIVAL  
19/11 LYON - SONIC  
20/11 DIJON - LES TANNERIES

2022

12/03 ANNEMASSE - CHÂTEAU ROUGE  
08/04 LILLE - LA BULLE  
09/04 RENNES - MARQUIS DE SADE  
15/04 NANTES - DUCHESSE  
17/04 TOURS - LE BATEAU IVRE  
30/04 GENÈVE - L'USINE  
07/10 GENÈVE - LE GROOVE  
29/10 SAINT-MARTIN-EN-BRESSE - LE BON SENS  
30/10 PARIS - SUPERSONIC

2023

07/07 FESTIVAL MUSIQUES EN STOCK

