

VALENTIN KOCH

## Short Stories · press text

"When Valentin plays guitar it always sounds like he is telling a story." This sentence fell in the studio and was the moment for Valentin to decide to call this EP "Short Stories".

Imagine you are taking a walk. Thoughts fly through your head and you dive deep. You remember your last vacation, your last crush or just last night's party and you imagine what tomorrow might bring. Music is playing on your headphones and the only thing that keeps you in reality are the pedestrian lights that keep pulling you out of your tunnel.

The music of Valentin Koch and the dynamics of his band create space to explore your own emotions. Valentin doesn't want to instruct anyone with his music, doesn't want to move anyone in one direction – rather the opposite: open thoughts, look far and see where you end up. Because his music has no lyrics, the stories are not finished. He creates the framework for everyone's own, very individual story.

Together with his longtime friends, he brings these songs to life – on CD and on the stage.

The EP starts with the track "Parallels", which may even surprise the previous listeners. It gets a bit more rocky than you know Valentin's music so far. With the second song "Off-Season (Band Version)" he brings out a previously released song in the new band version. It continues with the title song "Short Stories", which made Valentin dive so deep into an imaginary story in the studio that the idea to "story telling" came up. The EP ends with an older song by Valentin. Especially with "Constantly Changing" you notice how valuable it is that the band recorded live in the studio. The interplay of the band is particularly noticeable in this song, as Valentin's composition here leaves a lot of room for spontaneous reactions in-between the band.

### **The band**

Valentin Koch · electric & acoustic guitars  
Daniel Pflumm · bass  
Klemens Fregin · drums & percussion  
Daniel Weiß · piano & keyboards  
Eugen Aniskewitz · electric & acoustic guitars

### **The songs**

01 Parallels  
02 Off-Season (Band Version)  
03 Short Stories  
04 Constantly Changing