



artist: tupolev
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tracks:

- 01 lts
- 02 pole
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- 07 scattered
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tupolev are from vienna, austria. following an ep on the german netlabel 12rec in 2005 and their first, critically-acclaimed album "memories of björn bolssen" here on valeot records in 2008, with "towers of sparks" we present their second album as our 10th release.

this new album is much different from **tupolev**'s first one: where "memories of björn bolssen" was settled more on the cold and abstract side, "towers of sparks" is full of warmth, cognoscible structure and melodies whilst on the other hand being even more complex and well-grounded than its predecessor. it is the first fully instrumental release by the band and it's their most lively and well-sounding one, not least because of a wonderful, fine-tuned grand piano discovered in the cellars of viennese recording and multimedia studios garnison 7, where the album also was carefully mixed and mastered by the band together with martin siewert. except for one song this album was (unlike larger parts of the previous one) created without the use of metronomes. all tracks were recorded by alexandr vatagin.

“towers of sparks” is mastered to a notably low volume in order for the music to have the best-possible sound and broad dynamic range. you'll probably have to turn up the volume quite a bit more (at least relative to many albums of pop music) than usual to listen to this record at an appropriate volume level.

members of **tupolev** are involved in various other projects and bands, including port-royal, slon, protestant work ethic, werner kitzmüller trio and primordial undermin.

line-up:
peter holy: piano
alexandr vatagin: bass, cello
lukas scholler: electronics
david schweighart: drums

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