

DON'T LOOK BACK FESTIVAL

## Don't Look Back Festival 2022 Bára Gisladóttir (live) - haknam (AV live) - Gæo (DJ set) Christianshavns Beboerhus 17th December 2022

**Don't Look Back** presents its inauguration festival at Christianshavns Beboerhus on December 17th, 2022 with an eclectic line-up that represents the quality and diversity of the Copenhagen scene for forward-thinking music beyond genres and artistic boundaries. An evening of music with two album premieres and a DJ set, including everything from electroacoustic drones, extended instrumental techniques, field recordings, sound art, multimedia performance, experimental electronica and techno.

The acclaimed composer and contrabassist **Bára Gisladóttir** will premiere her new solo album "SILVA" (Sono Luminus / ESP-disk). Bára's unique approach to sound as a "living being" challenges the audience's perception of time and its linearity. Her music has been described as monolithic and elastic, dark and luminous, purposeful and daydreaming, bold and terrified, triumphant and sad.

**haknam** will present their first album "(the-whole.picture)" (Don't Look Back Records), with an immersive all-live audiovisual set, featuring a video-counterpart created by digital artist Antonio Martinez. haknam is a new group consisting of composer / performer Xavier Bonfill together with longtime collaborators Fei Nie and Lorenzo Colombo. The group is dedicated to exploring new forms of interactivity in electronic music and multimedia performance. It will be possible to preorder the vinyl for "(the.whole.picture)" at the concert.

**GÆO** will turn the venue into a dancehall for a closing DJ set. This Copenhagen based producer and DJ merges driving beats with dreamy atmospheres and moving melodies in his sets, which have taken place at venues and festivals such as Culture Box and Distortion.

**Don't Look Back Festival** aims to gather art enthusiasts from different corners of the experimental Danish scene. We strongly believe that artists working in different music genres, sound art and multimedia art have a lot of common ground, from an artistic perspective. Yet, it seems that the audiences from these niche genres are isolated from one another. From Don't Look Back we want to change that by providing an open, non-judgemental platform, where artists, musicians, aficionados, fans and curious minds alike can meet, share experiences and develop new ideas. We also believe that cultural events have a social dimension, and that there should be space for deep listening, having meaningful conversations with fellow concert-goers, dancing and celebrating, all during the same event.

Our events are conceived as safe spaces where everybody regardless of their cultural background, ethnicity, gender identity or sexual orientation should feel welcome and included. Discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated.

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Don't Look Back is a Copenhagen-based record label, artist hub and grassroots cultural community founded in 2022 by Fei Nie, Lorenzo Colombo and Xavier Bonfill. The platform aims at creating an open dialog in between different expressions of music and multimedia art from a post-genre perspective and a progressive approach. Don't Look Back is home to works within and in-between electronica, sound art, contemporary instrumental music, free improvisation, crossover, ambient, techno, experimental, multimedia art and installation works. The platform's activities consist on releasing music and sound art on both physical and digital mediums, creating online and IRL communities for exchange and dissemination of new ideas, and organising concerts and events with local and international acts.

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