



## Antti Paalanen

*"This Madman in a Man Bun is Finnish accordionist Antti Paalanen... and he will simultaneously charm you and scare the sh\*t out of you. When he growls the name of the next song in his best Finnish Death Metal voice and trains those pale, peeled-grape eyes on you, you don't know whether he is going to play you a song that will root you to the spot... or rip your still-beating heart from your chest and devour it raw."*

Antti Paalanen creates his wild music on the accordions so familiar to Finnish folkmusic. Although inspired by tradition, Paalanen has nevertheless created a sound world all his own, where tradition gives way to trance-like minimalism, EDM influenced beats, influences of Siberian throat-singing and controlled and insightful use of modern sound technology.

Antti Paalanen released his third album *Meluta* 2014. This album showcased a musician who is not only a brilliant accordion player but also a composer who takes his instrument to the limit: he screams at the accordion, stomps on the floor, pounds the bellows, and snorts like a raging bull. In Paalanen's hands the accordion is a living, breathing dance machine.

Antti Paalanen has performed successfully in Europe, Japan, Canada and USA since the release of album *Meluta*. The new album *Rujo* was released by Rockadillo Records in 2019 and it is getting fantastic reviews.

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