

Highgrade Records celebrate 10 years of cutting-edge techno.



For the last decade, **Highgrade Records** has been one of Berlin's most forward thinking record labels. This year proves to be no different either with the imprint enlisting some of the biggest international DJs and new talent to help them celebrate their tenth anniversary - with a trio of high-profile parties and a star-studded '10 years of Highgrade' commemorative release.

Back in the beginning, DJ and producer **Tom Clark** established Highgrade through his passion for music and desire to change the shape of house music by promoting cutting-edge techno.

"At the end of 1999 myself and a friend were looking for a suitable label to release our music. We couldn't really find one that fitted our sound so I founded Highgrade in 2000," says Clark.

Today, the label is the proud owner of some impressive statistics; 79 vinyl and 31 digital releases plus nine artist albums. Ever growing, Highgrade is also home to 14 permanent artists including original recruits like **Guido Schneider** and producer stroke A & R man **Todd Bodine**, plus new talent including **Format:B** and **Heinrichs & Hirtenfellner**.

It's these key, core and guest artists that have made Clark and Bodine's '10 Years of Highgrade' anniversary compilation so special too. It opens with **Prompt's** 'Ohm' (a favourite of **Markus Homm's**; "it has an unexpected groove, I loooove it," he says) and seamlessly moves on to include other highlights such as **Jackspot's** 'Outceiling'. Each and every tune featured has no doubt smashed Highgrade's rigorous 'dance floor' test to make the cut and in turn, makes this well-chosen collection of tracks a fitting tribute to mark such a monumental occasion.

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However, the celebrations don't stop there as Clark and Bodine are hell bent on celebrating in style. From the 7<sup>th</sup> of May, they will be taking the label on a hat-trick birthday party tour. It kicks off at Wagenbau in Hamburg before moving on to the main event at Berlin's Berghain and Panorama bar on 15<sup>th</sup> where almost all of the artists involved with Highgrade will perform. Expect live sets from **Paul Ritch**, **Dub Taylor** (Tigerskin), **Andomat 3000**, **Prompt** and **Format:B**, plus **Sebo K**, **Benno Blome** and many more taking to the turntables - truly an event not to be missed.

Last but not least, Highgrade will bring the party to London where on 29<sup>th</sup> May the tour wraps up and most likely all involved will set the standard for another decade (and more) of fine quality techno. In the words of **Heinrichs & Hirtenfellner**, "Happy Birthday Highgrade. We are looking forward to spending the next ten years with you".



Tracklisting CD 1:

- 01 Ohm // Prompt
- 02 Tiefschnee // Jens Bond and Tigerskin
- 03 Cosimo // Homm & Popoviciu
- 04 Show Me // Dirty Boots
- 05 The Cat on my Chest // Marcus Sur
- 06 Like a Techmachine 2010 Edit // Format:B
- 07 Cold Place 2010 Edit // Todd Bodine
- 08 Reservat // Ludwig Coenen
- 09 It ain't // Demir & Seymen
- 10 Baccara // Guido Schneider & André Galluzzi

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Tracklisting CD 2:

- 01 Bold Eagle // James Flavour
  - 02 Horn Fed // Simon Beeston
  - 03 Harry the Moustache // Tom Clark
  - 04 Rum Bum Box // Benno Blome
  - 05 Mutanga // Dale & Daniel Dreier
  - 06 Outcelling // Jackspot
  - 07 Omega // Marc Antona
  - 08 Feel Me // Heinrichs & Hirtenfellner
  - 09 Killer // Asem Shama
  - 10 Japanese Tea // Adriano Filippucci
- Bonus track:**  
Waiting For Flight 4267 // Todd Bodine

Berghain and Panorama Bar:

Line-up 15.05.2010

**LIVE:** Paul Ritch, Dub Taylor (Tigerskin), Andomat3000, Prompt, Format:B

**DJ:** SeboK, Guido Schneider, James Flavour, Marc Antona, Tom Clark, Todd Bodine, Phage & Daniel Dreier, Jens Bond, Homm & Popoviciu, Benno Blome

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- [www.highgrade-records.de](http://www.highgrade-records.de)
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Tour dates:

- 07.05. Waagenbau // Hamburg // DE
- 15.05. Berghain, Panorama Bar // Berlin // DE
- 22.05. Mau // Rostock // DE
- 29.05. The Egg // London // UK
- 05.06. WIP // Barcelona // ES
- 12.06. Rote Sonne // Muenchen // DE
- 19.06. Club 2UG // Leipzig tbc. // DE
- 26.06. Watergate // Berlin // DE
- 03.07. HWOM // Wilhelmshaven tbc. // DE
- 07.08. Club Favela // Muenster tbc. // DE
- 14.08. Unit // Tokyo tbc. // JP
- 04.09. Club Puschkin // Dresden // DE
- 11.09. Mirano // Brussels // BE
- 11.09. Alte Boerse // Zurich tbc // CH
- 21.09. Coconut Beatclub Open Air // Ludwigsfelde // DE
- 02.10. Gloria // Regensburg tbc. // DE
- 08.10. Air // Tokyo tbc // JP
- 12.11. Cosmopolar // Erfurt // DE
- 13.11. Alte Kantine // Wittenberge tbc. // DE