

## **MANO LE TOUGH**

Billing — Maeve

Based in Zurich, Switzerland

### **ARTIST BIOGRAPHY**

Mano le Tough moved from Dublin to Berlin in his twenties, and is currently located near Zurich, Switzerland. He grew up in a small village in Wicklow, on Ireland's east coast, where his earliest musical memories involved taping Talking Heads and Fine Young Cannibals off the radio as a seven-year-old, before he heard the siren song of dance music on local pirate radio.

After playing in bands during a reasonably diverse musical adolescence, he had returned to house and techno by his twenties, diving headfirst into the nascent MySpace culture around 2007. The first track he ever finished, Warhorn, was fortuitously spotted by producer and True Romance labelhead, Tensnake, fifteen minutes after it had finished uploading.

He moved to the German capital shortly afterward, steadily growing his audience as gigs and releases accumulated. His singles soon became mainstays in sets around Berlin and the wider world, adored for their unique melody-driven and disco-flecked house, while his albums Changing

Days and Trails (both on Permanent Vacation) saw him channelling deeper water, underlain with intricate arrangements and the stripped back intimacy of his own voice.

In 2012, he founded a label of his own with close friends The Drifter and Baikal. Maeve Records immediately became an essential stable for eclectic, forward-thinking dance music from its three founders, and carefully curated releases by the likes of Isolée, Phil Kieran, New Jackson and Kev Sheridan.

As well as dozens of releases, two full length albums, and remixes for, among others, The Pet Shop Boys, Roisin Murphy, Caribou and Erol Alkan, Mano became one of Europe's most in-demand DJs, with headline performances across the continent's dancefloors and the world's biggest music festivals. Since early 2020, however, he's been at home, attempting to channel inspiration from eighteen months without live music, amid the anxiety of a global pandemic.

"I've always liked that Mallarmé quote, "poetry is the language of crisis". It's hard for me to make good music about everything being amazing. Anything I've done that had any kind of artistic merit has been through struggles I've had".

For Mano, these feelings have found their truest expression in "At The Moment", a record which balances the ambivalence and melancholy of the last year, with wistful streaks of unguarded optimism.

### **SELECTED DISCOGRAPHY**

Vanishing Landscapes – Cocoon [2018]

An Hour In The Morning – Maeve [2018]

Ashure EP – Pampa Records [2017]

Arganol 'N' All EP – Maeve [2017]

Trails LP – Permanent Vacation [2015]

Tempus EP – Maeve [2014]

Changing Days LP – Permanent Vacation [2013]

Mountains EP – Permanent Vacation [2012]

In My Arms EP – Internasjonal [2011]

Stories EP – Buzzin' Fly [2011]

Baby, Let's Love – Dirt Crew Recordings [2010]

Oblique – Internasjonal [2010]

Eurodancer EP – Mirau [2010]

Warhorn EP – Internasjonal [2009]

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## REMIXES

Âme – Oldorado (Mano Le Tough Remix) – Innervisions [2019]  
Maribou State – Turnmills (Mano Le Tough Remix) – Counter Records [2019]  
Erol Alkan – Spectrum (Mano Le Tough Remix) – Phantasy [2019]  
Hundreds – Un-Unify (Mano Le Tough Remix) – Embassy Of Music [2017]  
Phil Kieran – Solar Storm (Mano Le Tough Remix) – Hot Creations [2017]  
Uniforms – March Of No Coincidence (Mano Le Tough Remix) – Trunkfunk [2015]  
Vermont – Übersprung (Mano Le Tough Remix) – Kompakt [2015]  
Caribou – Can't Do Without You (Mano Le Tough & Tale of Us Remix) – City Slang [2014]  
Iron Curtis – You're My Choice Tonight (Mano Le Tough Remix) – Kolour Recordings [2013]  
Batongo – Aguirre (Mano Le Tough Remix) – Degustibus – [2013]  
Midnight Magic – Drop Me A Line (Mano Le Tough Remix) – Permanent Vacation [2013]  
Subbroomassiciation – I Won't Stop (Mano Le Tough Remix) – Falkplatz [2013]  
Kasper Bjorke – Symptoms (Mano Le Tough Remix) – hfn Music [2013]