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**NEU! Celebrate 50th Anniversary of Self-titled, Debut with *NEU! 50!* Box Set,  
Out September 23rd via Grönland Records**

**Featuring Reworks by The National, Idles, Man Man, Mogwai, Guerilla Toss & More**

***NEU!* Picture Disc and Cassette Available June 17th**

[Watch “Hallogallo \(Stephen Morris and Gabe Gurnsey Remix\)” Visualizer](#)



NEU! (Michael Rother, Klaus Dinger) courtesy Grönland Records

**NEU!**, the legendary Krautrock duo of **Michael Rother** and the late **Klaus Dinger**, celebrate the 50th anniversary of their self-titled debut album with the ***NEU! 50!* box set**, out **September 23rd via Grönland**, and a ***NEU!* picture disc and cassette**, out **June 17th**. ***NEU! 50!*** includes albums ***NEU!***, ***NEU! 2!***, and ***NEU! 75***, plus the brand new ***NEU! Tribute Album***, a **NEU!** stencil and **booklet**. The Tribute Album features reworkings by **The National, Idles, Man Man, Mogwai, Guerilla Toss, Alexis Taylor**, and more. Today, Grönland offers a preview of the Tribute album with the “**Hallogallo**” remix by **Stephen Morris (New Order, Joy Division)** and **Gabe Gurnsey (Factory Floor)**.

NEU! are a product of Düsseldorf, Germany, home to Kraftwerk's Klingklang studios, as well as galleries, graphic designers and advertising agencies. Rother and Dinger drew on all of this and their impeccable musical training to create the overall concept of NEU!. They intended to create a previously unheard new music, aping the processes of commodification while remaining resolutely hostile to the commerciality of the music industry. Like other experimental bands of the late 60s and early 70s gathered under the Krautrock banner, NEU! were driven by a mixture of political and artistic imperatives to reject the clichés and conventions of orthodox, blues-based Anglo-American rock and create a music that was, formally, West German in origin.

Rother and Dinger were yin and yang-like in their temperamental dissimilarity. Rother, a pacifist with an affinity for the element of water, was responsible for the ambient drones and melodic foundation of NEU!. Dinger was a romantic, but an angrier man, a self-styled "working class hero" at loggerheads with his family, the West German patriarchy. He attacked his drum kit with, at times, literally, bloody violence. And yet, they were in lockstep from the beginning. They never argued over music, they simply rolled it out, mostly wordless, mostly instrumental, perfectly complementary.

Unable to find a way of making their music work live, further alienating them from a wider audience, NEU! were essentially a studio proposition, co-produced by the brilliant **Conny Plank**, known for enabling musicians to be the best possible versions of themselves without imposing any signature style of his own. When their self-titled debut album was released in 1972, it was as if they had arrived fully formed.

"Halogallo," the opening track of *NEU!*, saw them creating their own path - no verse, no chorus, simply the unrelenting, unfurling gray ribbon of Dinger's "motorik" beat. With Rother's colorful, processed guitar shapes flashing by, it was as if they thrummed with the energy of a New Germany, functional, modernistic, creating a Route 66 of sorts across an imaginary rural and industrial West German landscape, infused with a fresh and superior energy. This first track by NEU! meant a small revolution 50 years ago. Today's remix by Stephen Morris and Gabe Gurnsey oscillates between motorik beats and spherical sounds, showing with a British tinge how far the reach is of the ingenuity that NEU! sent into the world in 1972.

Stephen Morris elaborates: *"I first heard NEU! sometime late in 1972, not long after the first album came out. I think I got it as a birthday present. I was 15 and obsessed with music that was a bit weird and unusual and NEU! in 1972 certainly fit the bill. I'd never heard anything like it. It was absolutely brilliant. From the first few hypnotic seconds of 'Halogallo' I was hooked. I had no idea who Michael Rother and Klaus Dinger were. There were no interviews in the music papers, but the two tiny photos on the back of the bright red sleeve said all I needed to know. The sound they made was very REAL - alive and emotional. Ambient and driving - it was like they were there in my bedroom with me. Needless to say I played the album endlessly on repeat and bored all my friends to death with how brilliant NEU! were. This was the sort of music I wanted to make. 50 years later you can hear their influence everywhere."*

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Stephen Morris & Gabe Gurnsey courtesy Grönland

NEU! are one of the great, belated success stories of rock music. Their influence continues to be internationally widespread. Since paving their own road ahead, they've created a model of forward propulsion away from conventional rock clichés. The NEU! Tribute album shows how much there is for subsequent generations to unpack in NEU!, how much is buried, implied in their sound.

The *NEU! 50!* box set will be available digitally and physically. In addition to the *NEU! picture disc and cassette*, *NEU!* is available for pre-order on limited orange vinyl. A limited 7" of "Super" and "Neuschnee," the first NEU! single ever released, are also available.

### [Pre-order NEU! 50!](#)

#### **NEU! Tribute Album Tracklist:**

1. Im Glück (The National Remix)
2. Weissensee (Fink Version)
3. Super (Mogwai Remix)
4. 4+1=5 - Alexis Taylor
5. Hallogallo (Stephen Morris and Gabe Gurnsey Remix)
6. Lieber Honig (Yann Tiersen Remix)
7. Super (Man Man Remix)
8. Negativland (Idles Negative Space Rework)
9. Zum Herz - Guerilla Toss
10. After Eight (They Hate Change Cover)

**NEU! 50 Vinyl Boxset:**

1. LPGRONI / NEU! / NEU!
2. LPGRONII / NEU! / NEU! 2
3. LPGRONIII / NEU! / NEU! 75
4. LPGRONTI / NEU! / Tribute album
5. LPGRONTII / NEU! / Tribute album
6. Stencil
7. Booklet

**NEU! 50 CD Boxset:**

1. CDGRONI / NEU! / NEU!
2. CDGRONII / NEU! / NEU! 2
3. CDGRONIII / NEU! / NEU! 75
4. CDGRONIV / NEU! / NEU! `86
5. CDGRONT / NEU! / Tribute album
6. Stencil
7. Booklet

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