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Artist: Benedikt Wieland

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# Benedikt Wieland | what are you doing here?// Release 9th of September 2022

What Are You Doing Here? is the second single from Swiss / German bass experimentalist, improviser, and composer **Benedikt Wieland**. The song is a part of a series of singles the artist started releasing back in August of 2022. The series was launched to showcase the sprawling scope of the artist's explorations and experiments with the electric bass.

What Are You Doing Here? was recorded in a cozy barn in a tiny Swiss village. The composition was inspired by the joyful sound of children playing outside of the barn, which was converted into a make-shift studio for a couple of weeks, and where this music was made. The sound of these beautiful, small beings exploding with happiness is a texture that is sprinkled throughout this recording. The piece starts off with a progression of soothing chords, which eventually morph into a soundscape that evokes something of a modern, left-field R&B tune. The song features Morris Kliphus on french horn, albeit heavily manipulated in post, and shifty drums laid down by Alexandre J. Maurer.

#### **About Benedikt Wieland**

Benedikt Wieland is a Swiss / German bass experimentalist, improviser, and composer currently based in Berlin. The string of singles that he started releasing in August of 2020 (on an almost monthly-basis) is a culmination of a three year-long research process into the notion of subverting traditional approaches and sound aesthetics associated with the electric bass. In other words, it's a body of work based on a language that he developed specifically for this instrument. In his own words: "My objective was to turn the bass guitar into an orchestra, and free it from its traditional role as the foundation for harmony and rhythm."

Wieland is the band leader of **Kaos Protokoll**, a Swiss progressive jazz outfit with whom he released a total of three full length records and toured a big chunk of this spinning, blue rock. He's also the owner of the boutique record label Prolog Records.

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