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## Mona Mur Warsaw

### Product info

Label	play loud! productions
Sales Date	June 30, 2023
Order Due Date	June 02, 2023
Genre	Rock
Subgenre	Indie Rock
UPC/EAN	196006359881
Product Code	pl-140
Explicit	N

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### Description

Artist: Mona Mur  
Title: Warsaw  
Label: play loud! productions  
Genre: Rock, Independent, Alternative  
Catalogue number: pl-140  
Label Code: LC 15308  
EAN: 4042564231632 (LP)  
Release date: 06/30/2023 (Vinyl and digital)  
Pre-order: <http://www.playloud.org/archiveandstore/en/>  
Old "Snake" Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajtHSdAs9gU>  
Videos "In conversation with Mona Mur" (German/English):  
<http://www.playloud.org/archiveandstore/en/>  
Distribution: ALIVE (GAS), Forced Exposure (USA)  
Promotion: dense pr / [ed@dense.de](mailto:ed@dense.de) / <http://www.dense.de>

### TEXT

In 1989, before the wall came down, Mona Mur and her producer Dieter Meier ("Yellow") came to Poland. Under the musical direction of Polish rock star Grzegorz Ciechowski ("Republika") and with renowned Polish musicians, arrangers and the Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra, she recorded her album WARSAW in early 1990.

"WARSAW deals with the old topic of love as a marginal experience. Why does this intrigue me? Because this is how I experienced it at a very young age.

There is hardly a more relevant subject for me as an artist, maybe apart from war.

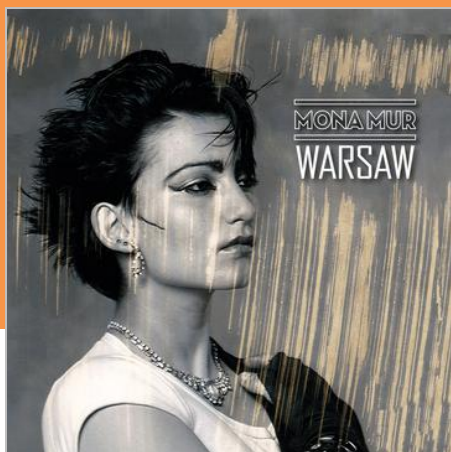
Both confront you with the possibility of annihilation." Mona Mur

During six months of production in Warsaw, from September 1989 to March 1990, Mona Mur observes historical changes in Europe and the whole world. The recordings take place at Polish Television's legendary studio S4 – 10 songs of great intensity, three of which are given genre-redefining orchestration by renowned composer and conductor Krzesimir Debski. Producer Dieter Meier is enchanted.

But WARSAW faces challenges. Its release does not happen as planned. Mona Mur's record company back then, German RCA, feels the album is not mainstream enough. More illustrious bidders follow, including Stevo Pearce of Some Bizarre, then the album vanishes.

In 2000, four of Mona Mur's songs from WARSAW are covered by Polish singer Katarzyna Groniec on her album "Mężczyźni" (SONY). Producer: Grzegorz Ciechowski. The album gets high chart rankings, the single with Mona's song "Paintings" (polish: "Dzięki za miłość") sells over 70,000 copies.

Soon after, in late 2001, producer Grzegorz Ciechowski dies suddenly at the age of only 44, under tragic circumstances. His work as a musician, singer, frontman and rock poet is unique in Poland. An annual memorial concert in the medieval city of Torun, as well as several new interpretations of the "Republika" hits keep the memory of "Citizen GC" alive. In 2011, Mona Mur is invited to Torun, where she performs live with Grzegorz Ciechowski's band members. Finally, in 2015, Mona Mur's album WARSAW is released by Mystic Productions, but only on CD and exclusively in Poland.



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Mona Mur together with En Esch will play a live show on May 18, 2023 at Arkadia in Berlin.

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play loud! continues the publication of Mona Mur's back catalog by releasing the album for the first time worldwide, digitally and on vinyl.

Pre-order here:

<http://www.playloud.org/archiveandstore/en/vinyl-12/824-mona-mur-warsaw.html>

### CREDITS

Mona Mur : WARSAW

Words & Music by Mona Mur

Published by Freibank Music Publishing/Play Loud! Publishing, Germany

Apart from: 3. "Mon Amour" Words by Mona Mur, Music by Mona Mur/Nikko

Weidemann/FM Einheit - 7. "Illusions" by Friedrich Hollaender, published by "Melodie der Welt", Frankfurt/Main, Germany - 9. "120 Tage" Words by Mona Mur, Music by Mona

Mur/Nikko Weidemann/FM Einheit/Alexander Hacke/Thomas Stern/Siewert Johannsen

Musical Production: Grzegorz Ciechowski & Mona Mur

3, 4 and 7 performed by Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra

Conductor: Krzesimir Debski

Orchestral Arrangements: Krzesimir Debski

Chairman & Executive Producer: Dieter Meier

Recorded at: Studio Woronicza S4, Warsaw

Sound Engineer, Programming & Keyboards: Rafal Paczkowski

Arrangement: Rafal Paczkowski & Grzegorz Ciechowski

Vocals: Mona Mur

Backing Vocals & Voices: Grzegorz Ciechowski

Guitars: Jan Borysewicz

Trumpet Solo in 9: Andrzej Przybielski

Additional Hammond Organ in 5, 6: Wojciech Karolak

Percussion: José Torres

Pre-Production of 2: Achim Mennicken & VOOV, Berlin

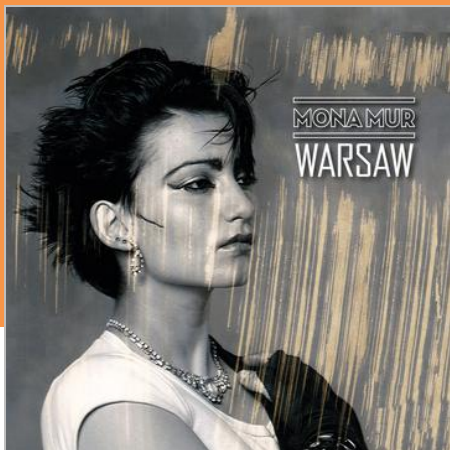
Pre-Production of 5: Achim Mennicken

"El Dorado" Remixed by Phillipe Valdez, Paris

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Mastering CD 2015: En Esch

Mastering LP 2023: Moritz Illner



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## Tracklist

### DISC 1

1. Paintings
2. A Snake Gets in Your Eye
3. Mon Amour
4. The Man On The Satellite
5. El Dorado
6. Go Away
7. Illusions
8. Crazy
9. 120 Tage
10. El Dorado II