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Atom TM and Tobias prep Grand Blue

Due for release on Mule Musiq, Uwe Schmidt and Tobias Freund's next LP documents a spontaneous live set in a Nigaata hotel lobby.

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This May, **Mule Musiq** will release a collaborative album by **Tobias Freund** and Atom TM (AKA **Uwe Schmidt**), entitled *Grand Blue*.

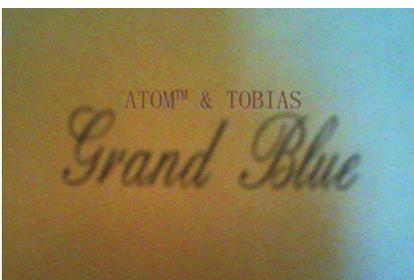
Grand Blue is a live album, but definitely not in the conventional sense. It was allegedly recorded on two pianos in the lobby of the Grand Blue Hotel in Nigaata, Japan, with no rehearsing or pre-planning whatsoever; the two artists were just drinking sake and messing around. Though their was no intention to make an album at that point, a flash-recorder on a nearby chair captured the entire thing, including the murmured conversations of other hotel guests coming in and out of the room.

Freund and Schmidt have collaborated plenty of times in the past, appearing on each other's records and playing in the group Odd Machine with Ricardo Villalobos, but *Grand Blue* will be their first full album together. It will be available digitally and on CD.

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Mule Musiq will release Grand Blue on May 7th, 2012.

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Winslow17 wrote Fri, 02 Mar 2012
 According to Google (knows all, tells all!), there is no Grand Blue Hotel in Nigaata. Indeed, there's no such place as Nigaata, either, though there is a Niigata - but it appears to be missing a Grand Blue Hotel.

As others have pointed out, Herr Schmidt is not above creating some very rich, engaging, even convincing fictions, such as the mysterious - and no doubt incredibly beautiful - Lisa Carbon, his collaborator on a number of (really really good) disks. Perhaps a man who synthesizes all... [More](#)

noahphonaut wrote Wed, 29 Feb 2012
 about time for an official album release from this duo. they do it live like no one else!

chrisdisco wrote Tue, 28 Feb 2012
 i have not heard this album yet, but they definitely did do an impromptu piano performance in the hotel lobby of grand blue hotel, so i presume it is indeed from that session...

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