

BELAU // BIOGRAPHY

“Take You to The Sea” – claims about their compositions. Belau originally started as a solo project by Péter Kedves in 2015. He was inspired by his travels and adventures abroad. The idea to translate his experiences into music came to him in a beautiful, remote village on the pristine Croatian seashore. In the world of Belau a constant buoyant mood and a sense of optimism meets innovative electronic beats. The message of Belau is a simple one: leave the busyness and monotony of everyday life behind, get rid of our barriers, and experience every moment to its fullest. Belau takes their listeners to cheerful places, filled with sunshine, where one can relax, unwind and find peace and harmony. The music starts you on an inner journey which is a gift in our world of increasing isolation.

This genre of elegant and clean beats capturing the feeling of summer has been dubbed as sundowntempo. The debut song of Belau, Island of Promise was released in late 2015. The music video won the Hungarian Video Music Award's Special Prize and it was the music video of the year at some of the biggest Hungarian sites. Now it counts nearly 400.000 views. The first Belau song has been chosen the top hits of 2015 at Deezer Hungary and the biggest Hungarian news portal, Index; also appears in a famous HBO series called Aranyélet (Golden Life).

In early 2016 the project expanded and became a duo with a longtime friend, Krisztián Buzás. Later this year Belau has returned with a new single featuring some flawless vocals from the young and aspiring talent, Böbe Szécsi, who also sings in the live act of Belau. After the project turned into a band Belau had at least 40 live performances during the summer of 2016. They played at major festivals like Sziget, Untold, Balaton Sound, also in some of the nearby countries. Tunes of Belau are also featuring in international commercials for Pepsi (33 countries) and Telenor.

The debut full-length album of the band, The Odyssey has been finally released at the 16th of November 2016 with 12 new songs featuring several guest vocalists from the Hungarian underground scene. The LP brought a groundbreaking success with a double sold-out show at A38, they had a chance to perform in the UK, London. In 2017 they released a remix EP from their debut album, and one of the song was also airplayed by BBC Radio 1. In one and half years Belau had 90 shows in 14 countries including several major festivals around Europe, and also showcases like Reeperbahn, Waves Vienna, Moscow Music Week, or Seazone Festival. The long term goals of the ever-growing project include the creation of multiple concept LPs, each capturing the vibe of a different geographical region around the world and to tour around Europe reaching as many people as possible.