

## DRASTIC DISLOCATIONS (SWITZERLAND / USA)

**"What Was, Was" new album on vinyl, CD & digital download**



Poems by the New York based poet **Barry Wallenstein** paired with the virtuoso compositions of the Zurich-based musicians **Mario Marchisella** and **Luigi Archetti** – that is **Drastic Dislocations**.

In autumn 2015, this congenial trio releases a daring album titled *What Was, Was* and the mix of spoken word and experimental rock music is surprising. There are also jazzy, electronic, and even improvised elements. This is no side dish; this is a main course, nourishing and full of rich poetry and musicality.

Since the 1960's, Barry Wallenstein, a retired professor of literature and creative writing has been writing poems which have been published in many collections and literary journals. For more than 40 years he has been performing together with a changing cast of musicians. The history of Drastic Dislocations, however, began only a short time ago, when the paths taken by Barry Wallenstein, Luigi Archetti and Mario Marchisella crossed.

The three first met by chance in 2013. From this spontaneous meeting, a new band grew, which is difficult to classify; the musicians Archetti and Marchisella experiment with many different styles, which they minimize and with which they also play coquettishly. Through their witty play with styles and sounds they follow the content of Wallenstein's poetry. Barry Wallenstein's vocal style runs like a red thread through the songs: a musical, strongly rhythmic manner of reciting which swings back and forth between speech and singing. Barry takes the listener on small, big journeys with his poems. He describes a surreal meeting with a neighbor, a rabbit or an astronaut in the same way as he gives us the dialog between a shotgun shell and the brain that is its target. Again and again he advances a critical analysis of his homeland which is bogged down in war. A thoroughly urgent album, critical, funny and full of riches.

### **Members:**

**Barry Wallenstein (Poems, Vocals),**  
**Luigi Archetti (Guitars, Electronics)**  
**Mario Marchisella (Drums, Typewriter, Stylophone)**

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