

## Radiopuhelimet

For twenty years *Radiopuhelimet* has been the leading name of Finnish alternative rock scene. Founded in March 1986, Radiopuhelimet has offered highly original music in the vein which can be called only their own. Their manically rocking, funky style was once named as "violence jazz"; influences which comparative approach usually calls up are *The Stooges*, *Captain Beefheart*, *The Birthday Party* and *James Brown*; often there's more than a hint of blues and psychedelia. But their recipe is totally unique and far from any copycat-ridden "alternative" music.

This compilation, *Varmaa hapuilua* ("Fumbling Firmly") spans Radiopuhelimet's whole recorded output from the wild over-tempo attack of the first classic ep *Sinappia ja ketsuppia* ("Mustard and Ketchup") to the kind of relaxed brutality of their latest album *Tänään!* ("Today!"). They now boast ten landmark albums, and there's more to come. Radiopuhelimet's story continues... you can hop along by buying *Varmaa hapuilua 1987-2002*.

Some comments on Radiopuhelimet:

"The only real future is dictated by their truly nasty and extremely intense rock'n'roll." - *Zap (GER)*

"Their sharp, super tight twin guitar attack boosted through fast, hard beats and with *Mäki's* raw voice and Finnish lyrics is nothing short of astonishing and makes most of the post-Albini lot sound like a bunch of stardom seeking sissies!" - *Low Cut (DEN)*

"Radiopuhelimet, from Finland of all places, might be the hottest noise-rock band the world has seen in a sea-slug's age." - *Spin (USA)*

"Radiopuhelimet is a truly great band!" - *Jello Biafra (USA)*

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