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NEW RELEASES

CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS



OTHIN SPAKE – CHILD OF DECEPTION AND SKILL

(CD/GLASVOCHT) Two years after the release of ‘The Ankh’, Othin Spake's new album sees the light of day. ‘Child Of Deception And Skill’ is a complete free improvisation recorded in 2005 (at the same time the Ankh was recorded) at Depot 214 by Joël Grignard. In fact this music was recorded the second time the band got together. Responsible for the incredible sound is producer-musician-soundman Pierre Vervloesem (X-Legged Sally, FES, PVTV and producer of numerous other CD's and bands). This CD, with wonderful artwork, is a co-production of Rat Records and Glasvocht Records.
<http://profile.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=user.viewprofile&friendID=262015142>

BATMAN & ROBIN – I'M A BAT... I'M A ROCK AND ROLL ANIMAL

(7"/BACHELOR) Follow up to this strange duo's well received debut debut 7". ‘I'm A Bat...’ comes with a free mini zine called ‘The Gotham Gazette’, plus a free cut out Batman Schnauz. (Or in other words, a moustache!) Limited edition of 500 copies.
<http://profile.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=user.viewprofile&friendID=201172428>

ROCK & ROLL ADVENTURE KIDS – BOOBIES AND ROCK ‘N ROLL HOT DOG AND A JELLY ROLL (7”/BACHELOR) The two Wolf brothers this time visited a real studio where they recorded these two wild and relentless firecrackers.

<http://www.myspace.com/woohoo>

EXPECTED RELEASES

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CHAIR – THE CHAIR (CD/TRANSUBSTANS) An American singer-songwriter and four Swedish instrumentalists. Hard rock and heavy grooves in a style influenced by both the 70s and the future! *Expected in June.*

<http://www.myspaceprofiles.org/profiles/167938924.html>

ROBIN TAYLOR – ISLE OF BLACK (CD/TRANSUBSTANS) The 11th solo album by this composer and multi-instrumentalist, best known from acts s.a. Taylor’s Universe and Taylor’s Free Universe. Isle Of Black however represents a different kind of mood than these bands. Taylor’s latest effort is a soundtrack-like work of contrasting vibes and atmospheres. This journey crosses barriers between progressive rock, jazz and electronica. *Expected in June.*

TIMOTHY – EVERY FALLEN LEAF AN ANGEL’S WING (CDR/HAND-EYE) CDR-release of these recordings from 2005, forming the bridge between Stone Breath’s acid-folk and Crow Tongue’s tribal drones. ‘Every Fallen Leaf...’ is a set of haunting songs dealing with mystical and magical trees.

ALEX TIUNIAEV – I KNEW HER (CD/COLD SPRING) A 40 minute work of heart-melting, melancholic and neo-symphonic splendour by a Russian producer and electronic musician. Influences range from Sigur Ros to Phillip Glass or Stars Of The Lid. *Expected in June.*

NORDVARGR – PYRRHULA (CD/COLD SPRING) Partly based on a Swedish fairytale, this is a pitch black journey into utter darkness. Eight tracks of scary black ambient/doom/droneworks. *Expected in June.*

SELECTED PRESS QUOTES

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PAAVOHARJU – LAULU LAAKSON KUKISTA (CD/FONAL) *reviewed by Gerjan van de Kamp for Ratoskonline (translated excerpt)* ‘Laulu Laakson Kukista’ may very well be the most beautiful and coherent album on Fonal that I heard

so far. The arousing yet calm music often has an experimental and ambient-like angle, but a danceable and up tempo intermezzo isn't avoided at all times. The music is never 'over the top', which is why this record can be played in the repeat function all day long.

www.myspace.com/paavoharju

ZENO TORNADO & THE BONEY GOOGLE BROTHERS (CD-LP/VOODOO

RHYTHM) *reviewed by Joost Jan Meertens for Planet Trash (translated excerpt)*

'Ramblin' Man definitely is Zeno Tornado & The Boney Google Brothers' best record. If there are any country fans left on this planet, then they know for which title to ask when they pay their local record dealer a visit.

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LO-LITE – 12 PICKS (CD/RED LOUNGE) *reviewed by Joost Jan Meertens for Planet Trash (translated excerpt)* '12 Picks' contains ramping 'old-negro-blues', with the devil on its heels, getting a punk treatment.

<http://www.myspace.com/theverylolite>

CHRISTIAN KIEFER & JEFFERSON PITCHER – TO ALL DEAD SAILORS

(CD/CAMERA OBSCURA) *reviewed by Marius Roeting for New Folk Sounds*

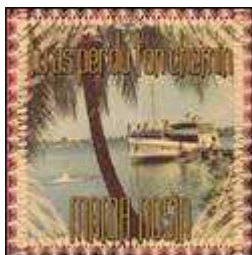
(translated excerpt) In general the songs are slow ballads and somewhat moody, but there are enough dynamics to not make this a weary listen. The arrangements are well thought through.



STONE BREATH – SONGS OF MOONLIGHT AND RAIN
(CD/HAND/EYE-DARK HOLLER) + A SILVER THREAD TO WEAVE THE SEASONS (CD/HAND/EYE-DARK HOLLER) *reviewed by Marius Roeting for New Folk Sounds (translated excerpt)* ...sometimes the structure of the songs are somewhat simplistic. However, the subtleties and extras on the side –sound effects, choice and composition of instruments, arrangements, the improvising- manage to lift these discs above average.

HAMPELEMANNE – SPEULT (CD/INBETWEENS) *reviewed by Joop van den Bremen*

for New Folk Sounds (translated excerpt) Those who basically don't like hip-hop should give this disc a listen. Fine forms of contemporary music, sung in the dialect of Limburg.



MAMA ROISIN – TU AS PERDU TON CHEMIN (CD-LP/VOODOO RHYTHM) *reviewed by Ron Janssen for New Folk Sounds (translated excerpt)* As far as atmosphere goes, they play it rough, also when they use less obvious instruments s.a. banjo, electric guitar, drums and dobro.

60's & 70's & 80's (RE-)RELEASES AND ARTISTS + OTHER OLDIES



BERMUDA TRIANGLE – BERMUDA TRIANGLE (CD/WINTER SOLSTICE-LP/ANAZITISI) + THE MISSING TAPES (CD/WINTER SOLSTICE) *reviewed by Marius Roeting for New Folk Sounds (translated excerpt)* Those who feel like recalling a strong retro feeling will definitely not be disappointed by these two Bermuda Triangle titles.

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LIVE

SPEEDBALL JR (GREEN COOKIE)

June 9th : Terneuzen, NL (The Pub)

August 22nd : Breda (Graanbeurs)

www.myspace.com/speedballjr

RAISON D'ETRE (COLD MEAT INDUSTRY)

June 20th : Enschede (Atak)

June 21st : Alkmaar (Parkhof)

AUTUMN SHADE (STRANGE ATTRACTORS AUDIO HOUSE)

June 22nd : Haarlem, NL (Patronaat)

June 24th : daytime Amsterdam, NL (Dwars @ vpro radio session/Studio De Smet)
evening Leiden, NL (Sub071)

June 28th : Noordwijk, NL (Bloembed)

June 29th : Dordrecht, NL (CBP-(f)luister-)

More Dutch/Belgian dates expected late June: more details t.b.a.

www.autumn-shade.com

HIPBONE SLIM & THE KNEE TREMBLERS (VOODOO RHYTHM)

June 27th : Rotterdam, NL (Primitive festival/Waterfront)

www.myspace.com/hipboneslim

OBSKURIA (WORLD IN SOUND)

Expected in July. More news to follow.

www.myspace.com/obskurians

MANIKINS (P.TRASH)

July 4th : Haarlem, NL (Patronaat café)

July 5th : Groningen, NL (Vera downstage)

<http://www.myspace.com/therealmanikins>

IRFAN (PRIKOSNOVENIE)

August 1st : Lisse, NL (Castlefest)

August 2nd : Lisse, NL (Castlefest)

August 8th : Utrecht (Summer Darkness)

August 9th : Eindhoven (Folkwoods)

www.myspace.com/irfantheband

TARUJEN SAARI (FIREBURN)

August 9th : Eindhoven, NL (Folkwoods festival) www.tarujensaari.com

KARJALAN SISSIT, SVARTSINN, NORTHAUNT, VISIONS (all CYCLIC LAW)

September 7th : Alkmaar, NL (Parkhof)

SIENA ROOT (TRANSUBSTANS-HEAD SPIN)

September 20th : Sliedrecht, NL (Elektra) www.sienaroot.com

THINGUMA*JigSAW (DESERTED VILLAGE)

The amazing and lovable Norwegian splatter-folkduo will follow up their successful first visit of The Netherlands in September! www.myspace.com/thingumajigsaw

NICK CASTRO & THE YOUNG ELDERS (a.o. STRANGE ATTRACTORS, DAFFODELIC, SILENT PLACE)

Dutch and Belgian dates expected in September, more news to follow.

www.myspace.com/nickcastroandthepoisontree

RUSALNAIA (CAMERA OBSCURA)

Expected in September, more news to follow www.myspace.com/rusalnaia

DEAD MAN (CRUSHER)

Expected in September, more news to follow www.myspace.com/deadmansweden

UNDERWATER SLEEPING SOCIETY (NMC)

Dutch dates expected in November, more news to follow www.myspace.com/uwssoc

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