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## TITLE UPDATES



### Master Musicians of Bukkake

Totem 3  
LP: IPT 333  
Price Code: 2L (SRP \$23.99)  
Number of Discs: 1



IPT 333 is now available on picture disc, at the same price as the regular LP! Limited to 500 copies.



### Bro. Stephen

Baptist Girls  
CD: XRA 33  
Price Code: L (SRP \$11.99)  
Number of Discs: 1



LP: XRA 33  
Price Code: Q (SRP \$15.99)  
Number of Discs: 1



This delayed November title's new street date is January 24, 2012.

## TOP 5 RECENT RELEASES

1. **The Birthday Massacre** *Imaginary Monsters* (MTP 735)
2. **Lords of Acid** *Little Mighty Rabbit* (MTP 731)
3. **Fishbone** *Crazy Glue* (DCR 48)
4. **Electric Six** *Heartbeats and Brainwaves* (MTP 745)
5. **Tyshawn Sorey** *Oblique 1* (PIE 40)

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INDEPENDENCE FOR INDEPENDENTS

# "BLUE" GENE TYRANNY

## DETOURS

### SELLING POINTS

- New album of piano music from the **Grammy Award**-nominated composer.
- Worked extensively with **Robert Ashley** on his most famous works.
- Full color ad in *The Wire* print magazine.
- Service to radio and press.
- RIYL: Gonzales, Keith Jarrett, Laurie Anderson, Robert Ashley, Meredith Monk, Elodie Lauten.

### OVERVIEW

*Detours* is "Blue" Gene Tyranny's first album of new piano works since 2003's Grammy-nominated *Take Your Time*. A beautifully recorded collection of tracks composed between 2004 and 2010, *Detours* belongs to a rarefied class of supremely listenable and beautiful piano albums that are not encumbered by any new-age shabbiness. It possesses the sort of timeless and elegant romanticism, so unpretentious and accomplished, that it seems to effortlessly canonize itself.

The four pieces on *Detours* have their origins in disparate sources of inspiration—a longtime friend from San Francisco, a chance visit to a Quaker meetinghouse, a choreographed dance, philosophical intuition. Harmonic discourses begin at a pre-determined location and wind up at a totally unexpected place. Tyranny is a master pianist, able to follow mood and impulse to uncharted, note-perfect new territory.

### PRESS QUOTES

"A complete genius ... the way he plays is so complex and majestic." — **Laurie Anderson** in *Keyboard magazine*

"His ideas are fascinating and, for the open-minded listener, liberating." — *Fanfare*

"Wonderfully evocative, Tyranny creates a head music which doesn't exclude the heart." — *Jazziz*

"God forbid that, in this society, we should call a Mozart a Mozart while he's still alive ... God plays the piano through this man ... he's like Keith Jarrett on an extremely good day." — **Kyle Gann**, *The Village Voice*

### ALSO AVAILABLE

Out of the Blue  
CD: USW 1  
Price Code: N (SRP \$12.99)  
Number of Discs: 1



Genre: Alt Rock  
Label: Unseen Worlds  
CD: USW 7  
Price Code: L (SRP \$11.99)  
Number of Discs: 1  
Jewel Case, Box Lot 30  
Street Date: 1/10/12

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**COVER STICKER:**  
four works for piano &  
piano/electronics from a  
truly unique voice in  
new music.



### FEATURED ARTISTS

"Blue" Gene Tyranny: piano and electronics

### TRACK LISTING

13 Detours • George Fox Searches • She Wore Red Shoes • Intuition

### KEY MARKETS

Hometown: New York. Also: San Francisco, Ann Arbor



## Aesthetic Perfection

Inhuman

Genre: Alt Rock

Label: Metropolis Records

CD: MTP 767

Price Code: D (SRP \$6.99)

Number of Discs: 1

Jewel Case, Box Lot 30

Street Date: 1/10/12



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## SELLING POINTS

- Features remixes from top names in the dark electronic scene.
- Extensive tour history alongside **Combichrist**, **Faderhead**, **Everything Goes Cold**, and **iVardensphere**.
- Facebook ad campaign coinciding with release.
- Press will be worked by **Another Reybee**.
- RIYL: Combichrist, Skinny Puppy, KMFDM.

## OVERVIEW

Contains the single version of the title track, six floor-filling remixes (including one from **Combichrist**, who the band successfully supported on their **Making Monsters** tour), and an exclusive track. Essential for fans and DJs!

## PRESS QUOTES

"Combines fresh, dark beats with vocals like the devil is speaking directly to you." — *Sputnik Music*

## TRACK LISTING

Inhuman (Album Version) • Inhuman (Combichrist Remix) • Inhuman (iVardensphere Remix) • Inhuman (Imperative Reaction Remix) • Inhuman (Panic Lift Remix) • Inhuman (Deadbeat Remix) • DAF • Hit the Streets (Whitecube Remix)

## KEY MARKETS

Hometown: Los Angeles. Also: New York, San Francisco, Tampa, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Antonio, Boston, Denver, Houston, Seattle, Portland, Cleveland, Columbus, Indianapolis, Detroit, Pittsburgh



## Acretongue

Strange Cargo

Genre: Electronica

Label: Metropolis Records

CD: MTP 770

Price Code: Q (SRP \$15.99)

Number of Discs: 1

Jewel Case, Box Lot 30

Street Date: 1/10/12

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## SELLING POINTS

- Active on all major social networking sites.
- Facebook ad campaign coinciding with release.
- Two teasers for the album are available on YouTube.
- Full servicing to press, radio, and club DJs.
- RIYL: mind.in.a.box, Haujobb, Binary Park.

## OVERVIEW

Hailing from South Africa, **Acretongue** is the brainchild of Nico Janse van Rensburg. His fantastic debut *Strange Cargo*, the product of over four years of work, features 10 tracks of brilliantly composed, complex, dense electronic music. **Acretongue** takes a more relaxed and surreal approach than many electronic acts, using samples and synth pads to create an otherworldly atmosphere reminiscent of a darker version of labelmates **mind.in.a.box**, **Haujobb**, and **Binary Park**.

## TRACK LISTING

Origin • Flowers In The Attic • Unspoken • These Soft Machines • Orphan's Affinity • Amber • Dragonfly (Version) • Riven • Strange Cargo • Oblivion

## KEY MARKETS

New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Tampa, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Antonio, Boston, Denver, Houston, Seattle, Portland, Cleveland, Columbus, Indianapolis, Detroit, Pittsburgh

## SELLING POINTS

- One of the top names in the European club scene.
- Facebook ad campaign coinciding with release.
- Full servicing to press, radio, and club DJs.
- RIYL: The Retrosic, Rotersand, In Strict Confidence.

## OVERVIEW

Hailing from Germany's industrial heartland, **[:SITD:]** can be counted among the most acclaimed acts in the European club scene. Stark, harsh, and uncompromising, **[:SITD:]** has carved a niche in the market through a compelling blend of bone-crunching beats and anthemic synths. *Icon:Koru* is the perfect collection of electro to fill the dance floors.

## PRESS QUOTES

"One of the most striking electronic releases of the year."  
— *ABORT* magazine

## TRACK LISTING

Extrajudicial Punishment • Code:Red • Periculär (Richtfest II) • State Of Tyranny • Beacon Of Hope • Atemlos • Dystopie • Dark Defender • Tarnfarbe • Sonic Barrier • Zephyr

## KEY MARKETS

New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Tampa, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Antonio, Boston, Denver, Houston, Seattle, Portland, Cleveland, Columbus, Indianapolis, Detroit, Pittsburgh



**[:SITD:]**

Icon:Koru  
Genre: Electronica  
Label: Metropolis Records  
CD: MTP 771  
Price Code: Q (SRP \$15.99)  
Number of Discs: 1  
Jewel Case, Box Lot 30  
Street Date: 1/10/12  
**5% PREORDER DISCOUNT**



## SELLING POINTS

- Toured the US with **Hocico**; growing fan base.
- Featured review in *Outburn* magazine for previous digital EP.
- RIYL: W.A.S.T.E., Terrorfakt, Converter, Dead Hand Projekt.

## OVERVIEW

After the acclaimed *Babylon* and the ambient *Solipsism*, **tPROE** is back at the forefront of industrial music with new album *Machine District*. Though not a concept album, this record fits in well with the critical, libertarian, and trans-humanist views for which **tPROE** is known. *Machine District* holds 12 tracks, with plenty of stompy technoid industrial as well as some surprises, including the **Skinny Puppy**-meets-**George Clinton** track "Automation Test" and the **Witchhouse**-sounding "Stay Behind" (written with **Dead Hand Projekt**). This is the soundtrack for a world where Skynet or the Cylons are the masters.

## PRESS QUOTES

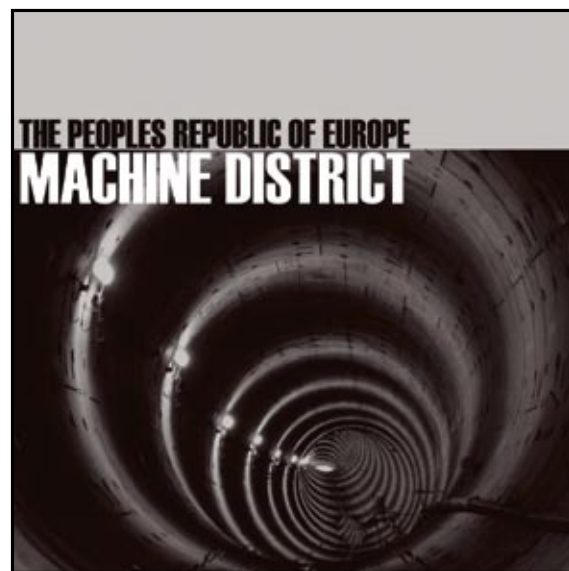
"The perfect soundtrack for a killing spree [or] a sweaty romp through a black-lit goth club." — *Outburn*

## TRACK LISTING

Wake Induced • Dreadnaught • Automation Test • Deathstar • Burn Them All • Stay Behind • The Rebellion • Disko Neubauten • Centurion • Shake It • Amoklauf • Welcome To Machine District

## KEY MARKETS

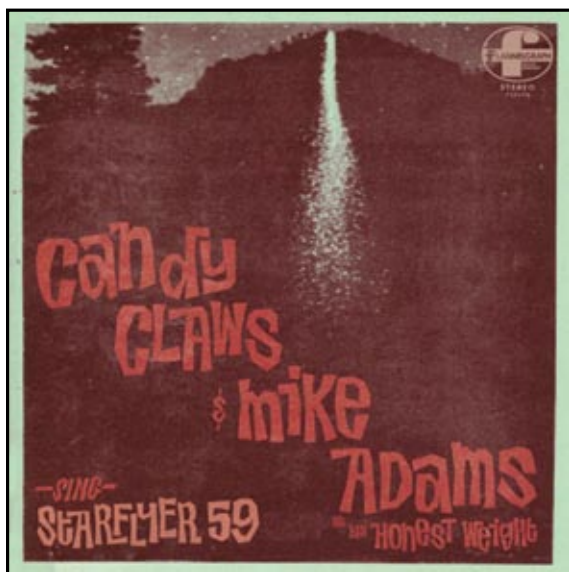
Denver, New York, Pittsburgh, Portland, Cleveland, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Indianapolis, Phoenix, Houston, San Antonio, Boston, Detroit, Seattle, St. Louis



**The Peoples Republic of Europe**

Machine District  
Genre: Industrial  
Label: Vendetta Music  
CD: VEN 42  
Price Code: O (SRP \$13.99)  
Number of Discs: 1  
Jewel Case, Box Lot 30  
Street Date: 1/10/12  
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### Candy Claws & Mike Adams At His Honest Weight Sing Starflyer 59

Genre: Alt Rock  
Label: Crossroads Of America  
LP: XRA 34  
Price Code: L (SRP \$11.99)  
Number of Discs: 1  
10" Jacket, Box Lot 15  
Street Date: 11/8/11



## SELLING POINTS

- **Candy Claws** has been prominently featured on **Pitchfork**, **NPR**, and **Lou Reed's** "New York Shuffle."
- Latest release from **Mike Adams** since debut *Oscillate Wisely*, featured on multiple **Best of 2011** lists.
- Full in-house press campaign including e-mail blasts, music videos, social networks, and blog outreach.
- Limited to 500 copies.
- RIYL: Starflyer 59, The Beach Boys, Low.

## OVERVIEW

When **Candy Claws** and **Mike Adams At His Honest Weight** realized they shared a primary influence in cult favorites **Starflyer 59**, it made sense for the two critically acclaimed acts to record a couple of SF59 classics for this limited edition split 10" record. Each unique interpretation of these nearly 20-year-old songs brings an invigorating freshness that makes the covers essential works in their own right, whether you are a die-hard Starflyer completist or are hearing their songs for the very first time.

## PRESS QUOTES

"[**Candy Claws**] sound evokes vibrant images of a natural world that's more Disney than National Geographic." — **NPR**

"With the same sort of casual alchemy formerly favored by **Messrs. Dando** and **Westerberg**, Mike Adams makes the most compelling kind of rock anthem: simultaneously sincere and self-aware, weirdly universal bummer jams." — *Pitchfork*

## TRACK LISTING

Candy Claws: Do You Ever Feel That Way  
Mike Adams At His Honest Weight: Help Me When You're Gone

## KEY MARKETS

Hometown: Denver, Indianapolis. Also: Chicago, Austin, New York



**Bro. Stephen**  
Patrons of the Arts  
Genre: Alt Rock  
Label: Crossroads Of America  
7": XRA 27  
Price Code: D (SRP \$6.99)  
Number of Discs: 1  
7" Jacket, Box Lot TBD  
Street Date: 1/10/12



Nearly two years of wandering the country and hopeful soul-searching have culminated in the debut single from **Bro. Stephen**. The feelings are clear, the lyrics are poetic, and the ghosts in the background are real. Includes two exclusive tracks + one alternate take, not available on the upcoming full-length. This 7" will not be available digitally.

## TRACK LISTING

SIDE A: Patrons of the Arts • SIDE B: The Truth • Previous Things



**Alexander the Great**  
Native Tongues  
Genre: Alt Rock  
Label: Crossroads Of America  
7": XRA 32  
Price Code: D (SRP \$6.99)  
Number of Discs: 1  
7" Jacket, Box Lot TBD  
Street Date: 1/10/12



With a departure from the 2009 full-length, **Alexander the Great** returns to explore new territory while leaning on their strengths. Memorable hooks and careful songwriting abound, while their penchant for turn-of-the-century Midwestern emo has been traded in for a more timeless approach. Includes MP3 download coupon.

## TRACK LISTING

SIDE A: Native Tongues • SIDE B: Svengali/All Things Lovely

## SELLING POINTS

- Limited vinyl version of debut album, released via Florida's **Synconation Records** and **New Granada**.
- National tour, currently being booked, will coincide with album release.
- Selected as one of the **Best Unsigned Bands** by *Alternative Press*.
- Publicity campaign; college radio service; social media campaign.
- RIYL: Flaming Lips, Mates of State, Radiohead, Death Cab For Cutie.

## OVERVIEW

An indie/psychedelic pop duo hailing from Jacksonville, **SUNBEARS!** were selected as one of the Best Unsigned Bands by *Alternative Press*, recorded a song for hit children's TV show *Yo Gabba Gabba*, and performed several dates on the southeast tour of YGG's "Super Music Friends Show." Their amazing live show and the sheer joy that their songs exude have put **SUNBEARS!** in high demand on the road, with support slots on national tours with **Mates of State (Barsuk)**, **Black Kids (Columbia Records)**, **Dredg**, and **Gil Mantera's Party Dream**.

## TRACK LISTING

You Will Live Forever • Give Love A Try • I'm Crazy • Together Forever • Psychic Numbing is Evil! • Strung Out! On My Own! • Dying Alone, Without Yourself • They Think They're Soooo Philosophical • It's Hard! Be Content Where You Are • The Uncertainty Paradigm • Stumbling In Twilight • We're Alive • Live! Don't Stop Trying!

## KEY MARKETS

Hometown: Jacksonville. Also: Austin, Chicago, New York, Washington DC, Los Angeles, Seattle, Chicago



### SUNBEARS!

You Will Live Forever

Genre: Alt Rock

Label: New Granada

LP: NGR 25

Price Code: U (SRP \$19.99)

Number of Discs: 1

LP Jacket, Box Lot 50

Street Date: 1/10/12



## SELLING POINTS

- Side project of **Velvet Acid Christ** mastermind **Bryan Erickson**.
- Strong online presence, utilizing social networking and frequent reviews on the VAC website.
- Facebook ad campaign coinciding with release.
- Full servicing to press, radio, and club DJs.
- RIYL: Velvet Acid Christ, The Prodigy, Astral Projection, Front 242.

## OVERVIEW

The ultimate unheard-of cult band, **Toxic Coma** is a project from **Velvet Acid Christ** mastermind **Bryan Erickson**. Unlike the more structured approach of VAC, the band allows for an experimental, fun, and downright weird approach to industrial techno music, allowing them to use noises and samples that wouldn't work for VAC. Dance-oriented and trippy as hell, *Satan Rising* displays the influence of bands like **The Prodigy**, **Astral Projection**, **Front 242**, **Aphex Twin**, and **Skinny Puppy** ... but in a totally unique manner.

## PRESS QUOTES

"You couldn't ask for a more appropriate dose of autumn atmosphere to fill your room with beautiful gloom as the skies grow gray and cold."  
— *FearNet*

## TRACK LISTING

Satanic Patte • Maybe I Killed Babbies • Church Is A Lie • Get Your Shit Wired • Disgusting • Say You Love Satan • bledoutdead 2 • Suck My Turbin • Digital Gravy • lamentofkrztov • Timelord • Phucking Phunny • Feel The Spirit • Cinnabons



### Toxic Coma

Satan Rising

Genre: Electronica

Label: Metropolis Records

CD: MTP 769

Price Code: Q (SRP \$15.99)

Number of Discs: 1

Jewel Case, Box Lot 30

Street Date: 1/24/12

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# MIND.IN.A.BOX

## REVELATIONS



Genre: Electronica  
Label: Metropolis Records  
CD: MTP 780  
Price Code: Q (SRP \$15.99)  
Number of Discs: 1  
Jewel Case, Box Lot 30  
Street Date: 1/24/12

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### FEATURED ARTISTS

Stefan Poiss: vocals  
Markus Hadwiger: music

### TRACK LISTING

Remember • Cause and Effect • Transition • Doubt • Control • Fragments • Unknown • Not Afraid • Second Reality • Sanctuary

### KEY MARKETS

New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Tampa, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Antonio, Boston, Denver, Houston, Seattle, Portland, Cleveland, Columbus, Indianapolis, Detroit, Pittsburgh

### SELLING POINTS

- Facebook ad campaign coinciding with release.
- Large back catalog on Metropolis.
- Street teams will distribute promotional materials in select markets.
- Sound samples available on Metropolis website.
- Full servicing to press, radio, and club DJs.
- RIYL: Edge Of Dawn, Rotersand, Assemblage 23.

### OVERVIEW

In the world of **mind.in.a.box**, imprisoned minds are generally unaware of their confinement. It is a metaphor for everything that prevents our minds from truly being free, from the shackles of everyday life to the fundamental feeling of solitude in an increasingly self-centered world. With *Revelations*, MIAB once again takes us into the world it has created as voices, lush sounds, and elaborate rhythms blend into a staggering sonic mélange.

### PRESS QUOTES

"With this album, the duo have turned their interest in video games into a collection of songs that are pretty, sometimes epic, and possess lots of retro flair." — *Auxiliary magazine*

"Their music may be a form of electronic music, but where to put it in this massive scene? ... its genius and incapability to be classified makes MIAB a true standout today." — *Vampire Freaks*

"One of the most anticipated albums of the last couple of years ... I don't think mind.in.a.box needs any further introduction after their two previous groundbreaking albums ... a fine mixture between techno, electro, and ambient." — *Moving Hands*

"Surprises with very clever and personal composition of complex and structured melodies, and even more on the vocals, as the band uses a lot of vocoders in a new and fascinating way." — *Premonition Magazine*

### ALSO AVAILABLE

R.E.T.R.O.  
CD: MTP 642  
Price Code: Q (SRP \$15.99)  
Number of Discs: 1



Dreamweb  
CD: MTP 379  
Price Code: Q (SRP \$15.99)  
Number of Discs: 1



Crossroads  
CD: MTP 506  
Price Code: Q (SRP \$15.99)  
Number of Discs: 1



Lost Alone  
CD: MTP 321  
Price Code: Q (SRP \$15.99)  
Number of Discs: 1



# THE KOFFIN KATS

## OUR WAY & THE HIGHWAY

### SELLING POINTS

- Have scanned between 2,000–4,000 units per release with very little label support; this new release is expected to dwarf previous sales due to proper marketing & distribution support.
- Have toured with **Horrorpops**, **Nekromantix**, **Creepshow**, and more.
- Four-month US tour September–December 2011.
- Full print & web publicity campaign including *AMP* and *PunkNews*.
- Full publicity campaign by **Secret Service PR (Social Distortion, Rancid)**.
- Posters and retail co-op available.
- RIYL: Tiger Army, Mad Sin, Creepshow.

### OVERVIEW

After over eight years of international touring and 1,000+ shows, the Detroit-based **Koffin Kats**' new home is on the road. **Koffin Kats** take the Motor City attitude and mix it into a toxic blend of hair grease, tattoos, and psychobilly punk 'n' roll. The trio kicked it off in June 2003, putting together songs with subjects ranging from sci-fi to dealing with the horrors of the real world. In recent years they have made a name for themselves in the US & Europe, included on tours with top psychobilly acts such as **Mad Sin**, **Nekromantix**, and **The Meteors**. Now the **Koffin Kats** have signed with Sailor's Grave Records for the release of *Our Way & The Highway*, with their rich history, road scars, and outlaw-psycho punk blood running furiously through every ear-ripping track.

### TOUR DATES

- December 1 San Antonio, TX – White Rabbit
- December 2 Brownsville, TX – Chapa's Bar "The Pit"
- December 3 Corpus Christi, TX – Zero's
- December 9 Cocoa Beach, FL – The 321 Local
- December 13 Nashville, TN – The Muse
- December 14 Newport, KY – Southgate House
- December 15 St. Louis, MO – FireBird
- December 16 Chicago, IL – Reggie's
- December 17 Hamtramck, MI – Small's



Genre: Punk  
Label: Sailor's Grave  
CD: SLG 23  
Price Code: 2D (SRP \$13.99)  
Number of Discs: 1  
Digipak, Box Lot 30  
Street Date: 1/24/12



### FEATURED ARTISTS

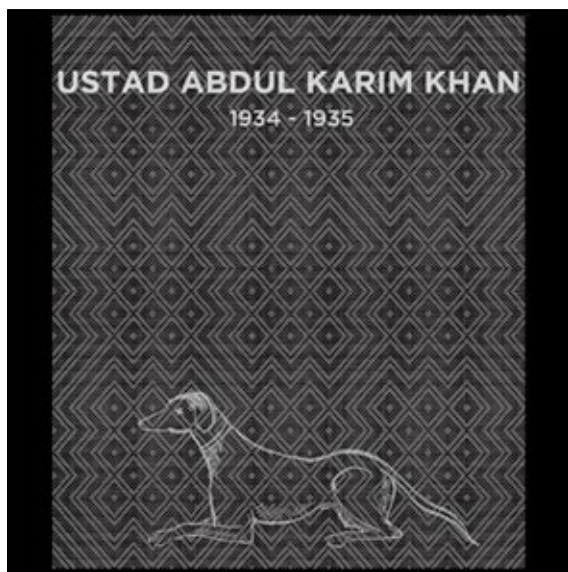
Vic Victor: lead vocals, upright bass  
Eric Walls: drums  
EZ Ian: guitar, vocals

### TRACK LISTING

Riding High • The Way Of The Road • It Happens Every Night • Severing Ties • For The Good Times • The Devil Asked • Keep It Coming • Choke • A Terrible Way • The Bottle Called • Locket Of Sin • Baby Don't Love You • Boozincrossanation • Don't Waste Your Time

### KEY MARKETS

Hometown: Detroit. Also: Cleveland, New York, Texas, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento, Portland, Seattle, Nevada, Phoenix



### Ustad Abdul Karim Khan

1934–1935

Genre: World/India

Label: Important Records

CD: IPT 346

Price Code: P (SRP \$16.99)

Number of Discs: 1

Jewel Case, Box Lot 30

Street Date: 1/24/12



## SELLING POINTS

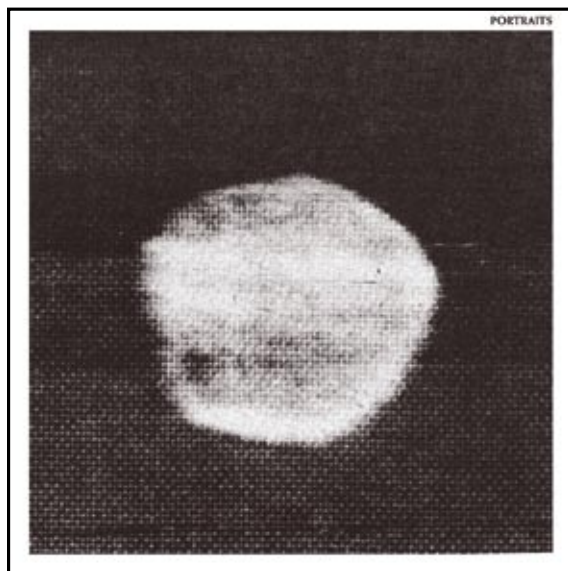
- One of the most influential singers from India.
- Culled from sessions made during peak final years 1934–35, newly transferred and restored, with extensive notes by **Ian Nagoski**.
- Khan's family taught **Pandit Pran Nath**, who imported his craft to America where **La Monte Young**, **Catherine Christer Hennix**, **Terry Riley**, and others adapted his style into various minimalist forms.
- Promo mailing to web and print press.

## OVERVIEW

More than 60 years after his death in 1937, **Ustad Abdul Karim Khan** retains his reputation as one of the greatest singers India ever produced. Possessed of an elastic, honeyed voice that poured out like mercury, he influenced generations of singers including **Mohammed Rafi**, **Pandit Bhimsen Joshi**, and **Pandit Pran Nath**. Born at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century to a family of musicians that extended back in time for centuries, his art was formed in the culture of the courts of the maharajas under British colonialism but was changed by his genius, imagination, and a life marked by sacrifices for love, unsatisfied ambition, abandonment, and heartbreak.

## TRACK LISTING

Gujri Todi: Beguna guna ga (drut) • Jhinjhoti thumri: Piya bin nahin avata chain (adatal) • Gujri Todi tarana: Dim Dara Dir Dir • Basant khyal: Ab maine man dekheri (ektal) • Basant khyal jalad: Phagava brijia dekhana ko chalori (tintal) • Bilawal: Pyara nazara nahin • Gara thumri: Jadu bhareli kaun albeli • Anand Bhairavi: Uigicha ka kanta ganjila • Bhairavi thumri: Jamuna ke tira kanha (adantal) • Sindhi Kafi: Nach sundari karun kopa (ektal)



### Portraits

Portraits

Genre: Drone

Label: Important Records

LP: IPT 345

Price Code: 2I (SRP \$21.99)

Number of Discs: 1

Chipboard Sleeve, Box Lot 30

Street Date: 1/24/12



## SELLING POINTS

- Features members of **Tarentel**, **Barn Owl**, **Date Palms**, **EN**, and **Higuma**.
- Pressing of 500 copies in deluxe heavy-duty screen-printed jackets.
- Promotional effort via Important Records.
- RIYL: Ellen Fullman, Phill Niblock, Deep Listening Band, Deceh.

## OVERVIEW

Beautiful new full-length LP featuring Evan Caminiti and Jon Porras (**Barn Owl**), Lisa McGee (**Higuma**), Gregg Kowalsky, Marielle Jakobsons, Maxwell Croy (**Root Strata/EN**), Steven Dye, Tony Cross (**Tarentel**), and Michel Elrod, who plays tambura with **Date Palms**, **Barn Owl**, and **The Alps**. This large group is somehow able to focus and refine their sounds into sublime acoustic drone full of deep tones, rich harmonics, and an overall lush blend across a wide range of frequencies. Recorded and mixed by the **Normal Conquest**, who also worked on the recent Barn Owl/Infinite Strings Ensemble album.

## TRACK LISTING

D • SA • Gong

## KEY MARKETS

Hometown: San Francisco

# MI AND L'AU

## IF BEAUTY IS A CRIME

### SELLING POINTS

- Acclaimed previous recordings were issued via **Michael Gira's Young God** imprint.
- Big promo mailing to radio, print & web via Important Records.

### OVERVIEW

After exploring their creative impulses through strings, horns, pianos, and varied folk influences, **Mi and L'au** decided to venture into a newer, more electric environment on their newest record. *If Beauty is a Crime* doesn't feature a single guitar. In fact, you won't find a traditional instrument anywhere on it. The simple, stripped-down sound for which they've become so well known is transformed on this latest album, shaped unexpectedly by circuits, programs, and mechanical processes.

But, along with Mira and Laurent's redefined approach, something familiar found its way into their music. While making the album, both musicians noticed the specter of familiar melodies and rhythms haunting their work; the inspiration wasn't from a specific song or melodic line, but from a mood or an idea buried somewhere in the past. As they investigated this anomalous influence, they uncovered a shared memory of films enjoyed during childhood, specifically those scored by French composer **François de Roubaix**.

Responsible for the music in well over 30 films, de Roubaix was known for his use of synthesizers and drum machines, and for his use of folk elements. The connection between his work and their current endeavor was obvious. Subsequently, **Mi and L'au** immersed themselves in his music even as they continued to produce their own. Whether by fate or by coincidence, de Roubaix's music found its way into their lives just as they were beginning to explore what electronic sounds could do for them. So, in the end, they dedicated *If Beauty is a Crime* to François.

Through their newly discovered electronic voice something older and more familiar sounded out, and the result is a stunning fusion of ideas and feelings that completely redefines **Mi and L'au's** sound.

### PRESS QUOTES

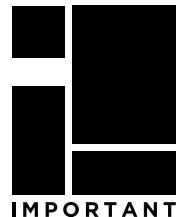
"Enchanted, stripped-down, hermetic cabaret-pop."  
— *Pitchfork*

"Refreshingly singular." — *Yorkshire Evening Post*



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### FEATURED ARTISTS

Laurent Leclère: electronics, vocals  
Mira Anita Mathilda Romantschuk: electronics, vocals

### TRACK LISTING

Territory Is An Animal • If Beauty Is A Crime •  
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### KEY MARKETS

New York, Los Angeles



**Victor Villarreal**  
Invisible Cinema

Genre: Alt Rock  
Label: Joyful Noise Recordings  
LP: JNR 84  
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## SELLING POINTS

- First proper full-length solo effort from **Victor Villarreal** of **Cap'n Jazz**.
- **Cap'n Jazz** recently reunited, and sold out shows nationwide last year.
- Limited to 250 hand-numbered copies on clear vinyl.
- Includes MP3 download.
- National tour, currently being booked, in support of the record.
- Record release in-store booked at Chicago's **Reckless Records**.
- Full promotional campaign via **Terrorbird**.

## OVERVIEW

The first proper solo full-length from **Cap'n Jazz** mastermind guitarist **Victor Villarreal**. Limited to 250 hand-numbered copies on clear vinyl, this album embodies Villarreal's innovative, otherworldly guitar style. The music ranges from lush indie rock slow dance ("Enters") to meditative percussive drone ("Out Of My Hands") to what Victor does best: how-the-fuck-did-he-possibly-play-that-on-one-instrument-and-what-the-hell-is-the-time-signature acoustic guitar work.

## TRACK LISTING

Enters • Darts In The Dark • Strings Attached • The Guess • Sway • Out Of My Hands • Leaves

## KEY MARKETS

Hometown: Chicago. Also: New York, Boston, San Francisco, Seattle, Madison



**Jad Fair, Hifiklub & kptmichigan**

**Bird House**  
Genre: Experimental  
Label: Joyful Noise Recordings  
LP: JNR 85  
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## SELLING POINTS

- Limited to 300 hand-numbered copies on yellow vinyl.
- Includes MP3 download.
- Single-sided 12", with art by **Jad Fair** screen-printed on Side B.
- Full promotional campaign by **Riot Act Media**.
- RIYL: Half Japanese, Sonic Youth, Portishead.

## OVERVIEW

The legendary **Jad Fair** teams up with prolific French artists **Hifiklub** and **kptmichigan** to produce some of his most artistically engaging music in years. Best known as the founding member of **Half Japanese**—and collaborator with a slew of artists including **Teenage Fanclub**, **Yo La Tengo**, **Sonic Youth**, and **Daniel Johnston**—Fair has firmly established his stature as the pioneer of lo-fi indie rock. Limited to just 300 hand-numbered copies on a single-sided, screen-printed 12" record, *Bird House* is a hypnotic listen. Originally recorded for **Jad Fair's** art exhibition at Le Dojo in France, this record exemplifies his signature childhood naiveté alongside **Hifiklub** and **kptmichigan's** fluid, atmospheric, jazz-leaning experimental indie rock.

## TRACK LISTING

Bird House • Let's Win • Blue Skies • Entwine • You And I

## KEY MARKETS

Hometown: Michigan. Also: New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Portland

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**NEW YORK TIMES:** "A scruffy, classic American underdog, ... For more than a quarter century the Los Angeles band Fishbone has been making music critics reach for their hyphens [but none] aptly sum up the sound of a band that seems to have ingested a century's worth of American and Caribbean popular music."



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*the fever zone*

**ROLLING STONE Artist To Watch:** "Power-pop traditionalists as lively as they are lovelorn ... their mix of raw emotion and nuanced craft is bound to charm the pants off of anyone who's ever loved Cheap Trick, Big Star, and other brash yet bittersweet guitar bands."



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**tender loving empire**

**MTV HIVE:** "Longing plays out in catchy ways on [Radiation City's 'Park'] song, which opens with Spies' strained vocals before bursting into a noise that's both joyful and a little sad—the sort of thing that we can't imagine people ever properly expressed before rock music was invented."



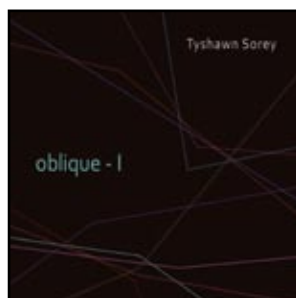
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 The Upsides  
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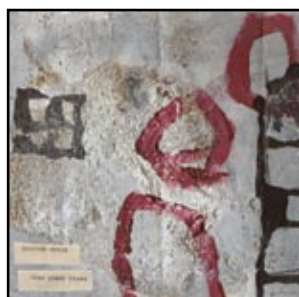
**ALTERNATIVE PRESS Cover Band, September 2011 Issue:** "The flag for the next generation of earnest pop-punk has been jammed into the soil of Eastern Pennsylvania, and these DIY-or-death upstarts are leading the charge."



**Tyshawn Sorey**  
 Oblique 1  
 CD: PIE 40  
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 Number of Discs: 1



**NPR'S FRESH AIR:** "The kind of rollicking band album you'd expect from a powerhouse drummer. His melodies are complex and full of surprises, but often light on their feet ... On *Oblique 1*, the rhythms and melodic contours in one piece may come back transformed in another, giving the program a sense of unity."



**Haunted House**  
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**JAZZTIMES:** "Blue Ghost Blues paints incredibly vivid pictures that have little deniability of feeling ... this music is lusty, booming, seldom subtle, and borders on rock and poetry collaborations prevalent in the past days when the longing for expression rooted itself in memorable mind-bending moments."



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**ALL ABOUT JAZZ:** "Harrison Bankhead's uniqueness is not restricted solely to his bass playing, which is touched by the melodicism of Ray Brown and the authority and inventiveness of Charles Mingus in a voice singularly his own ... dappling his music with torrid references to avant-garde atonalism."

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