



'As the Crow Flies,' Professor Louie & the Crowmatix (Woodstock Records,

• (3 ½ stars)

Crowmatix founder Aaron "Professor Louie" Hurwitz engineered, co-produced and played on the last three albums by The Band; and Crowmatix played on Rick Danko's final studio album (Times Like These) and Garth Hudson's The Sea to the North (both reviewed 7/25/08 along with Crowmatix live CD, The Spirit of Woodstock). This September 30 release features a collection of their best tunes.

Highlights include drummer Gary Burke's showpiece, "Mr. Luck"; one of the new originals that open the album, "Daughters & Sons"; the tight rhythm section work of Burke and bassist Frank Campbell; and the classic "Life is a Carnival." Fans of American music, The Band style, will like this CD. Get it locally or online at the MVD Web site.

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