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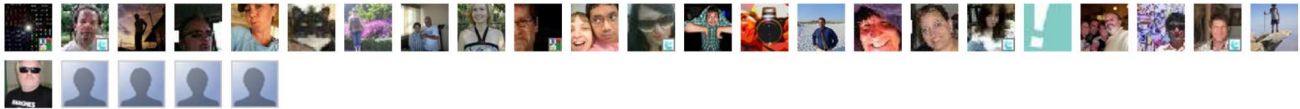
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The Fall's latest album available now



Influential Manchester, England post-punk band The Fall have just unveiled their 29th studio album *Ersatz G.B.* on Cherry Red Records/MVD.

Boasting a slightly rawer sound than 2010's *Your Future, Our Clutter*, it finds vocalist Mark E. Smith co-producing with Simon Archer and in a cantankerous mood, as usual.

Surprisingly, the lineup remains the same for the third time in a row - reportedly the first time that's happened since Smith formed the group in 1976: Peter Greenway (lead guitar), Keiron Melling (drums) and Elena Poulou (keyboards/vocals).

Three of the songs stretch past the six-minute mark as Smith spits out stream of consciousness rants, that are both puzzling and humorous.

On the rockabilly-leaning "Mask Search," he admits his disgust about Snow Patrol's omnipresence and on "Nate Will Not Return," references a character from TV's "Gossip Girl." The truly bizarre track (what would a Fall disc be without one) is definitely the heavy "Greenway," based on "Gameboy," by Greek comedy/metal band Anorimoi. Here, Smith growls in a menacing tone. The plaintive "Happi Song" provides a welcome respite from the racket as Puolou sings lead in a simple voice that has been likened to Nico.

Early in The Fall's career, it was championed by late BBC DJ John Peel, who famously said "they are always different; they are always the same." That still holds true on *Ersatz G.B.*, which is recommended for diehard fans.

For more information, go to: <http://ersatzgb.yolasite.com/>

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