

Carl Palmer, "Do ya wanna play Carl?" (Wienerworld

MVD 6206A)- The notion of an anthology devoted to the back catalogue of a prog rock drummer may not be everyone's idea of a good time, but this mildly cerebral celebration of Carl Palmer's career to date should certainly appeal to devotees of his work with ELP. The much maligned trio dominate the 2 CD set with some fine examples of their highly lucrative marriage of rock and classical forms led by "Fank," "Toccata" and "Fanfare for the Common Man," and the compilers also showcase Carl's contributions to offerings by Mike Oldfield, Atomic Rooster and Asia, including the latter's 1982 hit "Heat of the Moment."

Grant Hart, "Good News for [Modern](#) Man"

(Wienerworld MVD6102 A)- "Good News for Modern Man" was the former Husker Du drummer's second studio album, first released in 1999 and providing an excellent shop window for the multi-talented Mr. Hart's skills as a musician and songwriter. This eclectic solo project found Grant wearing his influences proudly on his sleeve as he assembled a memorable musical package which blended elements of everything from sixties girl group pop to rockabilly and Britpop to create fine tracks such as "Think It Over Now" and "Nobody Rides for Free."