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 **Hot Wax**
Grant Hart

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Review

by Stephen Thomas Erlewine

Years of addiction tend to obscure Grant Hart's considerable strengths as a songwriter, a situation not helped by his erratic post-Hüsker Dü work. After 1999's *Good News for Modern Man*, Hart drifted away, spending some time as a musician for hire but generally existing outside the spotlight, taking a full decade to return with *Hot Wax*, his third solo album and easily his richest collection of songs to date. Hart hasn't abandoned the buzzing guitars that have defined much of his music since the days of Dü, but he's certainly downplayed them, preferring to ramp up a latent Baroque pop obsession and spend some intimate, quiet intimate moments with just a keyboard or two. There's variety here, and also craft, a bracing and overdue reminder that there were two excellent songwriters in Hüsker Dü.

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Artist

Grant Hart

Album

Hot Wax

Rating

★★★★☆

Release Date

Oct 6, 2009

Label

MVD Visual

Genre

Pop/Rock

Styles

American
Underground
Alternative Pop/
Rock

Moods

Passionate
Freewheeling
Urgent
Rousing
Lively

Themes

Late Night

AMG Album ID

R 1629401

Corrections to this Entry?

Tracks

	Title	Composer	Time
1	You're the Reflection of the Moon on the Water		04:20
2	Barbara		04:17
3	Charles Hollis Jones		04:23
4	School Buses Are for Children		05:31
5	Narcissus, Narcissus		02:44
6	California Zephyr		02:59
7	Sailor Jack		03:59
8	I Knew All About You Since Then		02:08
9	My Regrets		03:45

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Releases

Year	Type	Label	Catalog #
2009	CD	MVD Visual	4911
2009	LP	Con d'Or	4917
2009	LP	MVD Visual	4917

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