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Grant Hart - Hot Wax

by [fishrider](#) on Wed Feb 10, 2010 8:51 am

I know there are a few Husker Du fans stalking these pages. One of my favourite albums last year was Grant Hart's newie "Hot Wax". He's in the middle of a tour of New Zealand and Australia at the moment and caught one of his shows last weekend.

He's playing solo - just one old 50s single-coil Gibson blasting through a Fender Twin reverb amp - but that and his voice is still enough to deliver the goods from one of the best song-writing back-catalogues in the business. He played for 2 hours straight - new songs from "Hot Wax", solo songs from "Good News for Modern Man" and "Intolerance" (even "Last days of Pompeii"), Nova Mob songs and a heap of his Husker Du songs.

Not sure if he has a UK tour planned or even whether the new album has UK/ European distribution but worth tracking the album down if anyone is interested: <http://www.granthart.com/>

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[Re: Grant Hart - Hot Wax](#)

 by [terjely](#) on Wed Feb 10, 2010 9:39 am

"Nervous children making millions: you owe it all to them
Power trios with big-ass deals: you opened for it then
I can see, I can see, I can see it all with my one good eye
For a start take two Grant Harts and call me when you die"



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[Re: Grant Hart - Hot Wax](#)

 by [Georgia](#) on Wed Feb 10, 2010 4:11 pm

Thanks for the report. I've seen him solo in the past, but only as an opener (for who I can't even remember). Would love to see him again. Did he happen to play Think It Over Now? Love that song.

Re: Hot Wax, I've yet to hear it. (Bought it for my brother for x-mas with the expectation that he probaby got it for me too, but he didn't.) I've heard nothing but good things about it, though, so I have to get to the record store soon and pick it up.

Ain't lost yet, so I gotta be a winner



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[Re: Grant Hart - Hot Wax](#)

 by [BZ](#) on Fri Feb 12, 2010 5:18 am

Hot Wax is very much worth owning. I think it's even stronger than Good News For Modern Man. Some of the Godspeed You Black Emperor people help him out on it.

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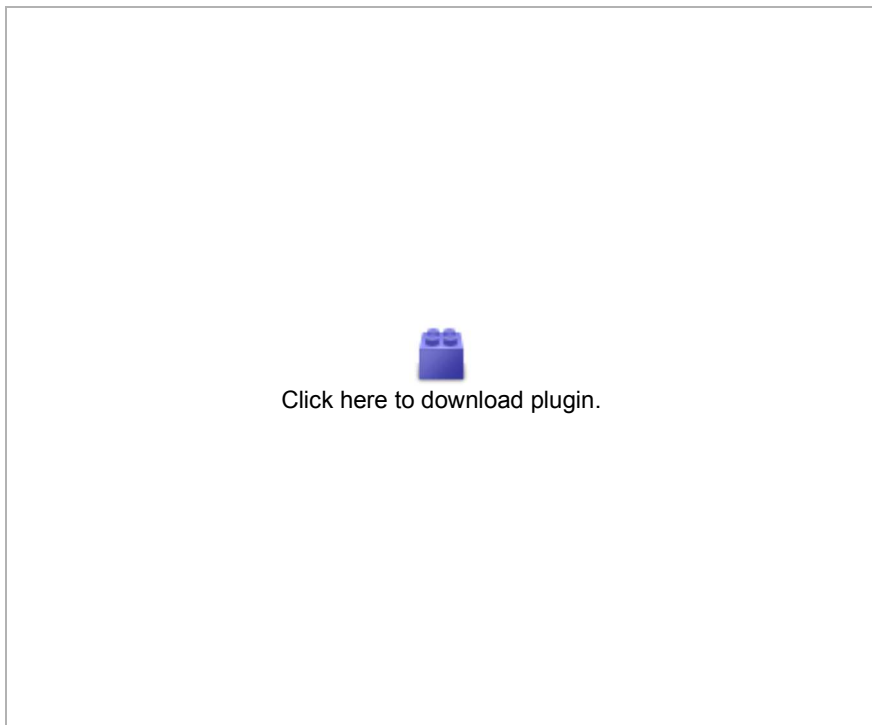
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[Re: Grant Hart - Hot Wax](#)

 by [fishrider](#) on Sun Feb 14, 2010 1:31 am

I don't think he played "Think it Over Now" - someone yelled for it but I think that was the one he said later didn't really work w/o drums and bass. Surprisingly a lot of the old catalogue did work w/o drums and bass, but then Grant's songs always were great songs first and great Husker Du songs second.

Indeed "Hot Wax" is I think his most consistent solo album. It has a nice lo-fi garagey sound to it which suits his songs. There's an unofficial (fan?) video for the first song here on YouTube:



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[Re: Grant Hart - Hot Wax](#)

 by [Georgia](#) on Mon Feb 15, 2010 1:11 pm

Cool song. Insane video. I like it! 😊

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