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NEW BABY ELEPHANT (FEAT. DAVID BYRNE) - "HOW DOES THE BRAIN WAVE?"

Prince Paul may no longer be a Handsome Boy (he and Dan the Automator cited irreconcilable differences), but still he's talented and charming enough to attract a slew of notables to his new project: Baby Elephant sees Paul team up with P-Funk legend/de facto Talking Head Bernie Worrell and Newkirk, while filling another grab bag of cameo talent approximating the Modeling School days (including David Byrne, George Clinton, Yellowman, Shock G, Nona Hendryx, DJ Roc Raida, Reggie Watts, Gabby La La, etc.). The expectedly quirky and outrageously funked up set of tunes resulting from the Elephant's sessions parade under the moniker *Turn My Teeth Up!* (we have no idea what it means, either). The record's advance (and highly recommended) inquisitorial single "How Does The Brain Wave?" sees Worrell re-team with lead Talk-er David Byrne (unmistakable on the track's Heads-y hook melody) for a Moogy, falsetto-fied stomp boogie. Part Talking Heads, part Parliament, all repeat-worthy.

Baby Elephant (Feat. David Byrne) - "How Does The Brain Wave?" (MP3)

Bernie's making the rounds these days; in addition to the Prince Paul collab, Worrell hooked up with Bootsy to score the Superbad soundtrack. But you were gonna go see it anyway. (Bonus Rogan-pack fun: Andy Milonakis is Judd Rapatow.)

Anyway, back to Baby Elephant -- according to **BabySpace**, "TURN MY TEETH UP! is dropping SEPTEMBER 11, 2007 on Godforsaken Music." And it may just have the album art of the year. Finger trunks!



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This Baby Elephant project looks nasty- prince paul is reborn as a pachyderm! david byrne at his funkiest

Posted by: claudeE5 at August 8, 2007 7:35 PM

this is one of of the best songs i've heard in a long, long time

Posted by: Ibelle at August 8, 2007 7:41 PM

Heh. It's 4:20 in length.

Posted by: Astro at August 8, 2007 8:04 PM

Um... is it appropriate to describe this song as kick-ass? I think so. And the album art is equally as awesome.

Posted by: Becky at August 8, 2007 9:19 PM

I love David Byrne but man, that is nothing short of unlistenable. its like having a toddler bang on pots and pans. disapointing on a high level, david byrne need to start another album!

Posted by: Brian at August 9, 2007 12:15 AM

super smart pop, skyscraper hooks, naked lunch lyrics, laser beams flying on top of a marching giant. this song could rock the high school dance but is geekier than mcfly. that's what this song is...mcfly

Posted by: cibo at August 9, 2007 9:52 AM

How did Prince Paul hook up w/ David Byrne?...Genius

Posted by: ringadingding at August 9, 2007 10:25 AM

Awesome song, can't wait for the album to hit!

Posted by: tdom at August 9, 2007 2:25 PM

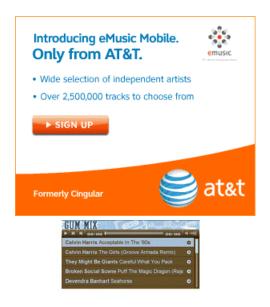
Burning Down the House for the next two centuries. David Byrne isn't afraid to go big!

Posted by: KindJim at August 9, 2007 2:44 PM

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Tony, you did a good job. It's a pity you didn't sign the Smiths, but you were right about Mick Hucknall.

» Talking Heads In Boston, 8/24/1979

The *Fear*some foursome bring stripped-down funk to Berklee Performance Center. "Stay Hungry" > "Cities" > "Psycho Killer" > "(Love Goes To) Building On Fire" > "Take Me To The River." Gotta sign on to Wolfgang's Vault to stream, but you've already done that, right?

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"Chocolate Rain" man is back with different words, same budget. Catch the "4 AM" meme?

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Casey James describes his band's neon avant folk pop thusly: "sugar rush, booty on the floor, cartoon music mutations paired with thoughtful, visceral lyrics and a flair for the bizaAAAaaarr." Sounds about right.

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