

# THE BIG TAKE-OVER

lydia lunch & cypress grove

a fistful of desert blues

(Rustblade/MVD)

You know who Lydia Lunch is, and Cypress Grove is **Tony Chmelik**, who joins Lydia's dark poetical drawl with melancholy drifts of guitar. There's one **Mark Lanegan** penned tune, "Revolver", which crawls like a spider through your throat, and "St. Marks Place" by **Jeffrey Lee Pierce**, which is a slow whiskey kick across a city turned to dust. There are some slow Bo Diddley grooves, and some razor blade tempting dirges. Songs drifting like gothic spaghetti westerns across your nightmares. Cypress Grove joins in on backing vocals across a couple of songs, twisting the road towards songs that echo against heatstroke like Johnny Cash on Prozac. The guitar always a perfect accompaniment to the vocals that sometimes sing, and sometimes chant, whisper, or fall as if wounded to the floor. ([www.rustblade.com](http://www.rustblade.com))