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**Marc** Published on: 21 Mar 2008

In my opinion **Fish** is capable of the best and (pretty close to) the worst. His first album after leaving **Marillion** (1989's *Vigil In A Wilderness Of Mirrors* ) was an excellent neo prog record. Four years later, you could not find two interesting tracks on a covers album (1993's *Songs From The Mirror* ) that featured some great songs (I'm refering to the originals). In the late nineties, **Fish** worked with very talented people, **Steven Wilson** not being the least of them, and he then put out what are arguably his two best CDs (1997's *Sunsets On Empire* and 1999's *Raingods with Zippos*). After that Mr. Wilson and a few others left for other projects, and **Fish** gave us a couple of lukewarm Cds like *Fellini Days* (2001) and *Field Of Crows* (2003).

The main problem with **Fish** is that he does not write his own music, so he is dependant on the talents of his musicians as composers. With *13th Star* he seems to have found such people. On this CD we have a collection of 10 songs, all ranging from 4 to 6 minutes. They all are very interesting musically, very modern sounding and even sometimes pretty heavy. **Fish** is in good voice and in a rocking mood. His singing is at it's best since the last ten years. The production quality on this CD is some of the best I have ever heard. Frankly, I did not think **Fish** still had such a great album in him.

To my surprise, I consider *13th Star* to be a sure bet for my 2008 Top ten album of the year list, and **Fish** will certainly be my comeback kid of the year. If you got tired of **Fish** in recent years and stopped purchasing his albums (or considered doing it) *13th Star* will certainly make you change your mind.

*13th Star* gets my highest recommendation indeed.



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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Circle Line (6:04)</li> <li>Square Go (5:31)</li> <li>Miles de Besos (4:22)</li> <li>Zöe 25 (5:19)</li> <li>Arc of the Curve (4:29)</li> <li>Manchmal (5:42)</li> <li>Open Water (5:07)</li> <li>Dark Star (6:48)</li> <li>Where in the World (6:05)</li> <li>Thirteenth Star (5:41)</li> </ol>	<p><b>Fish</b> vocals</p> <hr/> <p><b>Steve Vantsis</b> bass, drum loop &amp; programming, samples, Upright bass, electric guitar, acoustic guitar, keyboards, clavinet (2)</p> <hr/> <p><b>Frank Usher</b> guitars</p> <hr/> <p><b>Foss Paterson</b> piano, keyboards, organ, strings, music</p>	<p><i>Reviewed</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;">               1989  <b>Vigil In A Wilderness Of Mirrors</b> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">               1990  <b>Pigpen's Birthday</b> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">               1991  <b>Internal Exile</b> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">               1993  <b>For Whom The Bells Toll</b> </div> </div>

<p>box, dulcimer, accordion</p> <hr/> <p>Gavin Griffiths drums</p> <hr/> <p>Chris Johnson guitars</p> <hr/> <p>Lorna Bannon backing vocals</p> <hr/> <p>Dave Haswell percussion</p> <hr/>	<p>1993 Songs From The Mirror</p> <p>1994 Acoustic Session</p> <p><i>Reviewed</i> 1994 Suits</p> <p>1995 Krakow</p> <p>1995 Yin</p> <p><i>Reviewed</i> 1997 Sunsets On Empire (European Version)</p> <p><i>Reviewed</i> 1998 Fortunes of War - Live Acoustic Set UK '94</p> <p>1999 Kettle of Fish</p> <p>1999 The Complete BBC Sessions</p> <p><i>Reviewed</i> 2001 Fellini Days</p> <p>2002 Kettle of Fish Video Collection</p> <p>2003 Sashimi - Live In Poznan, Poland 1999)</p> <p>2005 Live In Krakow Acoustic</p> <p>2006 Return To Childhood</p> <p><i>Reviewed</i> 2007 13th Star</p>	<p>1993 Uncle Fish &amp; Crypt Creepers</p> <p>1994 Songs For The Company</p> <p>1994 Sushi</p> <p>1995 Yang</p> <p>1995 Yin &amp; Yang - Radio Edits</p> <p>1998 10 Years Solo Anniversary</p> <p>1998 Tales From The Big Bus</p> <p><i>Reviewed</i> 1999 Raingods with Zippos</p> <p>2000 Acoustic Sessions (Remaster)</p> <p>2002 Fellini Nights</p> <p><i>Reviewed</i> 2003 Field Of Crows</p> <p>2005 Bouillabaisse: The Best of Fish</p> <p>2005 Live In Krakow Electric</p> <p>2006 Return To Childhood</p> <p>[DVD] 2008 <i>Reviewed</i> Communion</p>
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