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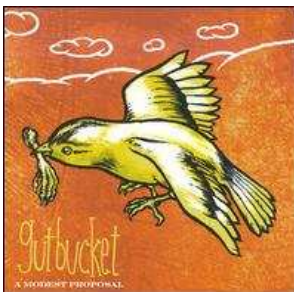
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Release Date

Jan 20, 2009

Recording Date

Mar 31, 2008-Apr 5, 2008

Label

Cuneiform

Genre

Jazz

AMG Album ID

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Corrections to this Entry?

Review

by Chris Nickson

Imagine the bastard child of King Crimson and Soft Machine, with Albert Ayler and Eugene Chadbourne as godparents, and you come close to capturing the essence of Gutbucket. There's plenty of madness from this quartet, but there's a method to it, a twisted prog rock aesthetic that can plunge from the manic to the deliciously melodic (as on part of "Side Effects May Include," where saxman Ken Thomson becomes almost elegiac). Although they don't flaunt it, all the bandmembers are superb musicians, capable of moving through warped klezmer into avant jazz without missing a beat. However, none of this is showing off of the look-how-clever-we-are kind. Rather, it's music-making and exploring the edges, nibbling at them to re-create the elements and discover something new, which they do admirably. It's a superb record, one that fans will love, although they're perhaps too extreme to appeal to the unconverted.

Tracks

	Title	Composer	Time
1	Head Goes Thud	Rockwin	5:06
2	A Little Anarchy Never Hurt Everyone	Rockwin	4:04
3	I Am a Jelly Doughnut (Or a Commentary on U.S. German Relations Post WW	Rockwin	5:10
4	More More Bigger Better Faster with Cheese	Citerman	4:38
5	Carnivore	Thomson	6:25
6	Doppelgänger's Requiem	Rockwin	3:50
7	Lucy Ferment?	Rockwin	2:56
8	C'mon It's Just a Dollar	Citerman, Rockwin	5:20
9	Side Effects May Include	Thomson	7:03
10	Brain Born Outside of Its Head	Citerman	5:16

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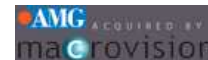
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