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Tangerine Dream - "Madcap's Flaming Duty" CD - It's been a long and strange road for Edgar Froese's venerable synthesizer group. From pre-new age sequencer music to early ambient to Hollywood soundtracks to synth-oriented progressive rock, his ever-evolving group has broken new ground and inspired 40 years worth of electronic musicians. This new recording, dedicated to former Pink Floyd vocalist and guiding light Syd Barrett (who passed away in 2006), is a synth-prog-rock album full of melodic vocal pop. And it bears absolutely no likeness to Syd's rambling poetics. Vocalist Chris Hausl sports a rich and sonorous voice that reminds me of David Sylvian somehow, and the music is a light and pleasant enough mix of rock elements (guitar solos included) and Froese's analogue percolations. It's a nicely well done release, stylish and never imposing, though it may be a little too close to wallpaper easy-listening adult MOR rock for some tastes. (MVD Audio)

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