

**New Christs
Gloria
(Impedance Records)**

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Formed way back in 1984 by Rob Younger (of legendary Aussie proto-punk band Radio Birdman), this project returns with a smoldering post-punk-style set that exhibits



Younger's penchant for writing good, solid, melodic hooks that are raw, edgy, and easy to appreciate. "Try Something" is, at its foundations, a heavy pop song, with a good dose of danger (as it should be). "My Existence" shows the group's raved-up punk roots, while "These Reasons" is an anthemic mid-tempo pop song.

"The Wheel" is a swaggering, heavy rocker that brings to mind the master, Iggy Pop. Seriously, these guys are in that kinda class - timeless, smart, and real. A superior rock album here, without pretense or affectation. Highest marks.

- TODD ZACHRITZ