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NEW CHRISTS - Gloria {*Impedance*} Who needs the 'second coming' when The NEW CHRISTS continually resurrect themselves in a fanfare of hot rockin', raw riffin', amped Punk Rock 'n' Rollin' bliss every few years? It's been years (seven in fact) since the excellent 'We Got This!' album but it's clear from the shards of guitar that open 'Try Something' that Rob Younger has not lost any of his innate Rock 'n' Roll sus. Like you didn't know, Younger fronted the legend that was RADIO BIRDMAN. Too often, the NEW CHRISTS is dismissed in BIRDMAN's wake, which is incredibly wrong cuz the CHRISTS has enough sneering arrogance to teach 90% of today's 'Punk bands' a few tricks while musically teaching any 'muso' band a few licks. The sound - as it has been for the last 25 years - is blazing. 'The Wheel' grinds on a Grunge riff that any flannel-shirted Seattle band would kill for; 'My Existence' flat-out rocks on a sublime, sneering melody; album highlight 'The Posse' glistens on a ringing riff as guitar leads descend outta nowhere, while 'Bonsoir A Vous' culminates the album in a bouncy, up-tempo rockin' style. While it is not the intoxicating slab that the debut 'Distemper' was, this is still an album that a band like FOO FIGHTERS can only but wish to make. (05.11.09)

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