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Literally, the best reunion album of all time!

By Fred Mills

Awhile back we told you the tale of the Source Family, an L.A.-based (later Hawaii) commune of the early '70s whose spiritual guru, Father Yod, shepherded the young people of the group, additionally operating the popular Source health food restaurant and frequently fronting the in-house rock band, the mega-psychedelic Yahowa 13. (Go [HERE](#) to read our review of the recent book about the family, *The Source: The Untold Story of Father Yod, Yahowa 13 and the Source Family*.)

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Now comes word of the imminent release of *Sonic Portation* featuring a re-formed Yahowa 13, due Oct. 23 on Prophase/MVD Audio. Of the live reunion that took place last November, [the L.A. Times sagely observed](#) that the band "makes Devendra Banhart look like Don Rumsfeld... the surviving members of the group reformed Friday night at the Echoplex and proudly revisited an era when belonging to the counter-culture took a bit more commitment than joining a Facebook group. Ya Ho Wa 13's music is purposefully obtuse and hypnotic -- tribal drums, sawing violins and group chanting made up on the spot -- but it's nothing you can't get from Animal Collective or Soft Circle today. The difference is that Ya Ho Wa 13 really, *really* means it."



The scoop on the CD, directly from the label:

Back in the early 70s a curious group owned and operated a health food restaurant in Los Angeles. The Source Family was a religious group of young people centered around the father figure of Father Yod, a WWII flying ace and spiritual searcher. This group of young people also performed improvisational music backing Father Yod under the name Yahowa 13. When Father Yod died in a hang gliding accident in 1975, the group dispersed.

In 2007, with the publishing of a book about the Source Family, the original Yahowa 13 reunited for some shows and did some studio recordings. These are the long awaited results, the first studio recordings in over 30 years by Yahowa 13! Original members Djin, Octavius and Sunflower jam out like the ensuing years never happened. Incredible improv pieces with mind melting guitar and the psychedelic low end throb that all Yod fans will immediately recognize. Literally, the best reunion album of all time!



Track Listing:

Eah O Shin

Raga Nova

Yod Hey Vau Hey Tetractys

Travelin Ohm

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Hurricane Relief
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Neville)

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Live 8 7-2-05
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Dave Matthews)

Chef Aid South
Park 10-7-98
(Elton John,
Ozzy)

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Benefit Feat.
Jessica Simpson
9-18-08 (Jessica
Simpson)

Concert For
Bangladesh
8-1-71 (George
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Ravi Shankar)

Concerts For
Kampuchea
12-79 (Clash,
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