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The Family That Jams Together: YaHoWa 13



YAHOWHA 13 IS a cult rock band — literally.

Formed in Los Angeles in 1969 by the late **Father Yod** and his **Source Family**, the group's self-released 1970s albums of spontaneous psychedelic spirit-rock have become collectors' items.

YaHoWha 13 has been revived by Source Family members **Djin**, **Octavious** and **Sunflower Aquarian**, and the group put out the recent album "**Sonic Portation** (Prophase). There's a cosmic acoustic twang running throughout the disc, but songs such as "Raga Nova" bring to mind the universal hum of German *kosmische musik* from the 1970s.

YaHoWha 13 plays the Velvet Lounge on March 27 — with the great Italian rock band **Afterhours**, which is an odd pairing but one worth celebrating. [Read our March 2007 interview with Afterhours here.]

The band's calming chug is best experience live and in a state of bliss, but below are some videos that give a taste of YaHoWha 13's spirit-in-the-**Skye-Saxon** vibe. (**The Seeds** singer was a close associate of the Source Family and frequently performed with the house band.)



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