

'New Rides of the Furious Swampriders'

Various Artists (Sireena)

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The Furious Swampriders are an international cooperative of independent artists who first came together in 1990 to record songs that are intentionally rough-around-the-edges. Over the years participants have included Nick Cave, Deborah Harry, Dave Alvin, the Gun Club and Jonathan Richman. The group's fourth collaboration is the hit-and-miss "New Rides of the Furious Swampriders." There are some nice moments courtesy of Wovenhand ("The Threshingfloor"), the Raymen ("When Death's Black Train Is Coming to Town"), the Perc ("Sleeping Dog"), the Walkabouts ("Soul Thief") and Johnny Dowd ("Constant Waiting"). Less effective are entries from Harry ("Lucky Jim"), Sixteen Horsepower ("De-Railed") and Golden Kanine ("Law of a Probable Outcome").

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