

# Stovepipe Sounds...

## YO LA TENGO

*I Can Hear The Heart Beating As One* (Matafon)

One of our favourite bands and about time you made them one of yours. This 68 minute blast of searing-guitar drones and gentle guitar-pop songs is the warmest album yet from Yo La Tengo. Loud guitars, pedal steel guitars, organs, and more thrown into a set of 16 superb tunes. From Hoboken, New Jersey, like Frank Sinatra y'know.



## BIKE

Circus Kids (Flying Nun)

Last month we extolled the virtues of Andrew Brough's songwriting on the uplifting "Circus Kids", but have we told you how delicious the b-sides are? You won't find them anywhere else (like the forthcoming album for instance) so add this to your collection now.



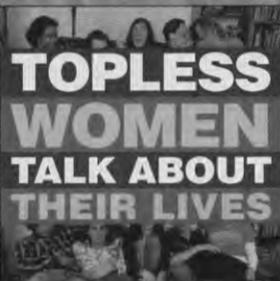
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*Dare To Be Surprised* (Communion)

Sebadah songwriter Lou Barlow and his pal John Davis are the Folk Implosion. Their "Natural One" was a surprise hit from last year's Kids soundtrack. Packed with songs every bit as good as that one, including the brilliant single "Insinuation", a dip into Dare To Be Surprised is like taking a bubbly synth bath with bitter-sweet pop song epsom salts. Check it out.



## TOPLESS WOMEN TALK ABOUT THEIR LIVES

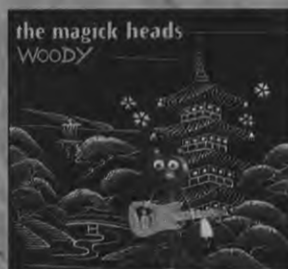
Soundtrack Album (Flying Nun)

The goat did it. Oops, we've given away the ending. The greatest soundtrack album since Vampyras Y Lesbos features Flying Nun tracks from year one (The Clean) to year 15 (Superette, 3Ds), collecting classics from Snapper, the Chills, Chris Knox, and Straitjacket Fits from the years in between. Indulge yourself in the finest of NZ sounds from the best local movie in years.

## MAGICK HEADS

Woody (Flying Nun)

A strong set of songs delivered in the gently persuasive tones of Jane Sinnott's heavenly voice and the harmoniously rocking Magick Heads. Woody is the intersection of southern rock and songcraft from an earlier age, with charms taken from mythical times. If we live in times where we believe that a magician can make a rabbit swim, then this album is a perfect joy.



## PAVEMENT

*Brighten The Corners* (Fellafheen)

Like cattle we were crushed in the face of these bright-eyed crooners - what a live show Pavement put on! Brighten The Corners, the fourth album from America's smartest band, will preserve the memories for those who were there. If you weren't, buy this superb CD, play it loud and spill beer all over your living room floor while you slam dance with the family cat for that authentic Playstation experience.



## SONIC YOUTH

*Anagrama* (SV Records)

First release on the band's own label contains four mesmerising instrumentals. The sort of thing to lie on the bedroom floor with and just let it wash all over you after a heavy pogo-ing round the room session to Goo.

# Big Pants Beats™



## COLD CUT

*More Beats & Pieces* (Ninja Tune)

Coldcut, call 'em the daddies of sonic sex but acknowledge 'em as the most creative force on the UK scene. A new single of delinquent sound terrorism with mix collaborators from Q Bert to T Power and Tortoise and a bonus six turntable jam. CD single contains awesome quicktime video for mac & PC.

## SQUAREPUSHER

*HardNormalDaddy* (Warp)

The latest world beating electronic Warp album, a blend of lightning fast drum'n'bass and jazz-edged sounds. Squarepusher has filched a tasty collection of fusion jazz samples and mixed em up with acid basslines and 303 blips. It's out of control!



## ROCKERS HI-FI

*DJ Kicks* (KT)

Rockers Hi Fi present a seamless collage of music: avant garde drum'n'bass, chunky deep dub and far-out sound manipulation by Glyn Bush and Rockers cohort Farda P toasting and rapping over the mix. The musical scope stretches from dub tracks by Ruts DC and Prince Far I to drum n bass soundscapes by T Power and Kid Loops. A cast of stars. Superb action.



## JIMI TENOR

*Intervision* (Warp)

This Finnish keyboardist extraordinaire (shades of Mo' Wax artiste Money Mark) has been winning raves in the UK press. "A strange and wonderful landscape full of illicit liaisons between techno and jazz. Barry White & Kraftwerk" (Melody Maker)

## REACTIVATE 12

Various Artists (Reactivate)

Twelfth volume of the world's biggest selling techno trance series. Once again featuring the very best in upfront Trance & Techno. React scoured the globe to ensure only quality tunes made it. Featuring Shimmion & Woolfson, De Donatis, Pablo Garganto, DJ Randy, Vincent de Moor and Natural Born Grooves among the 22 awesome hands in the air tracks.



## MEKON

*Welcome to Tackletown* (Wall Of Sound)

Tuffest edge of the Wall of Sound clan, this album's been causing major rumbles with its hip hop beats and attitude. Features a recent collaboration with Schoolly D as well as last year's brilliant 'Revenge of the Mekon' featuring original London gangster, Mad Frankie Fraser.



## UP BUSTLE & OUT

*Light Em Up Blow Em Out* (Ninja Tune)

A new album of music flavoured with elements of the band's eclectic world journeys, peppered with silks, perfumes and golds from the sub-continent travels of Senor Rudi, band leader, song writer, silver flautist and flamboyant gypsy. A beautiful jazzfunklatin concentration.



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