

Mp3 Bug Toast - Specimens



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Original, world-influenced, progressive pop featuring bouzouki, accordion, guitar, vocals, bass, and percussion, with textured instrumentation and interesting time signatures. 12 MP3 Songs ROCK: Acoustic, WORLD: World Fusion Details: [CLICK THE LINK TO THE BAND'S WEBSITE, WHERE YOU MAY LISTEN TO ADDITIONAL SONG EXCERPTS THAT REVEAL MORE OF THE SONG DEVELOPMENT. FIND OUT MORE ABOUT BUG TOAST.](#) "Although not the most appealing-sounding of foods, this is a polished Portland band with influences from around the world. Topics ranging from Oedipus to reality television are examined through eclectic songs with unusual time signatures. Check them out for a taste of something different." -- The Oregonian, 4/15/05 "RECOMMENDED: Intelligent pop with a world music influence." -- The Oregonian, 12/10/04 "RECOMMENDED: An odd mix of instruments results in a pleasing sound from this band." -- The Oregonian, 11/12/04 "... just when a mellow mlang of Celtic misty moors melds with the sandy Serengeti, sparkled with Egyptian women wearing green and gold circling Greek men dancing in red and white, and it's two thousand years ago except that cool jazz is nifty 'fifties, the vocal presentations bring you back to the here and now... From a shopping basket of centuries and continents, Bug Toast assembles an impressive array of rhythmic complexity... measures in 5 beats, then 6, now 7 and suddenly layer of cross-rhythms..." -- David Constance Ewing Review of performance, 3/15/02 Bug Toast plays from an extensive original repertoire that defies specific categorization. Bug Toast features bouzouki, accordion, guitar, bass, percussion, violin, and vocals. The band is comprised of musicians from two families: two brothers (Dave and Mark Andrews), a father (Bob Shotola), a daughter and her husband (Susanne and Christopher Shotola-Hardt). The age range provides a depth and variation of musical tastes and experiences. The whole group works on the arrangements, creating richly textured, interwoven pieces with careful attention to counterpoint, voicing, harmonies and

rhythms. Bug Toast's influences include music from here and from other lands, such as Eastern Europe, the Mediterranean, and Celtic cultures. Pop influences include King Crimson, Veda Hille, R.E.M., Frank Zappa, and The Beatles. "Specimens" is the long-awaited, full-length debut CD. The album title reflects the band's desire to give listeners a sampling of diverse toasty tracks. "Intellectual Bohemiam." -- June Howell "Mediterranean Pink Floyd." -- Matty Jeronimo "Post-modern pastiche." -- RS "Bug Toast transports you to other worlds." --Stephen Cohen

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