

Mp3 The Mystic Caravan - Urban Pleasures



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A powerful debut enhanced CD, The Mystic Caravan's "Urban Pleasures" is a full album of mature sonic landscapes ranging from soothing trance, to thumping techno all the way to intense funk. 15 MP3 Songs

ROCK: Funk Rock, POP: 90's Pop Details: The Mystic Caravan is an unpredictable group gaining it's fair share of local press in the past year for their underground musical projects. Having heralded rave reviews for their debut album "Urban Pleasures", this group has proven themselves as competent recording artists with a mature and innovative songwriting approach. From this album alone one gets the feeling that this group is a special and rare talent who captures magic on record. But it doesn't stop there... In March of 2003, the group won the K-Rock 105.7 Extreme Bandslam Competition, claiming a unanimous victory over 62 other groups in eastern Ontario, Canada. With their energetic and open stage performance, thumping powerful sound and cleverly catchy tunes, they weren't just a recording act, but a live act too. One not to be missed. Here's what the press has to say about The Mystic Caravan: "During a show at the Scherzo Pub in Kingston last month, The Mystic Caravan decided, in the interests of spontaneity, to scrap their planned song list. Instead, minutes before they were to hit the stage, they sat down at the bar and wrote out their entire first set in randomly selected keys, and then proceeded to play for the incredulous audience." Paul Gurnsey, The Whig Standard. "The show really got started once The Mystic Caravan took the stage and won the approval of the growing crowd 30 seconds into their first song. With a sound that ran the gamut of everything from Radiohead to Elevator to The Dalai Llamas and back, this local five-piece band is a salute to originality and a hybrid of talent. TMC belted through an energetic performance loaded with ballsy guitar, heavy bass and keys. The recipe culminated into a sonically diverse, vocally spectacular and visually stimulating set." Renee Taylor, The Queen's Journal. "Here are some of the reasons why this is a band that is definitely worth investigating, and is deemed

worthy of my pseudo-adjective 'funktacular: - The Mystic Caravan's guitarist is noteworthy. Speaking casually and comfortably with the audience, while serving up some admirable chords, he provided terrific melodic support. - The resonant vocals of the lead singer cannot go unmentioned. He has the abilities of a seasoned R&B vocalist - well-suited for this type of music - and his obvious enjoyment adds to the energy of his singing. - If the clothes make the man, then the members of The Mystic Caravan are certainly aware of it. Decked in suits and shades, they've realized that a groovy sound is well-supplemented by a groovy attire. The lead singer's Gavin Rossdale-esque curls and the guitarist's retro tie topped it off nicely. - Last but not least, their unique sound. It holds the same 70's-funk intensity of Jamiroquai, yet without the disco aftertaste. Their music is concentrated, lush and irresistibly induces you to move to the beat (without even realizing it)." Tricia Summers, The Queen's Journal. "They're called Mystic Caravan but their sound is far from ephemeral. The Kingston band Mystic has produced Urban Pleasures, a CD that features a full, beautifully crafted sound that romps all over the musical map making definitive statements." Lynn Rees Lambert, Kingston This Week. "The surprise victors of the contest were The Mystic Caravan, who raised the temperature yet again with their sonic diversity and atypical, high-energy delivery. The band won the unanimous approval of the judges, earning high scores for their brilliant vocals, prolific lyrics and magnetic stage presence." Renee Taylor, The Queen's Journal. "Urban Pleasures" is selected as a 'must have' disk of 2003. Sarah Crosbie, Kingston Whig Standard.

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