## **Mp3 The Seldon Plan - The Collective Now**



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Seldon Plan knows how to pour on the whimsical treats of pop. Steep rock tunes with nary a heavy

crunch to be found...[they] make emotional rock that isn't a bunch of heart string pulling and tears. -Smother Magazine "Baltimore, Maryland's The Seldon Plan return with their second full-length release. The Collective Now features highly melodic guitar pop that treads in territory previously charted by bands like The Hang Ups and The Lassie Foundation. What impresses us most about this band's music is how unpretentious it is. The smooth, ultra-hummable songs on this CD flow by like big fluffy clouds in the sky. The band presents their songs simply and without overt fanfare. Because of the substance that is inherent in their tunes, these guys don't need to add layers upon layers of instruments to their sound. Their songs stand firmly on their own without the unnecessary support of too much technology. The band consists of Michael Nestor (guitar, vocals), Bobby Landle (guitar), Dave Hirner (bass), and Mike Landavere (drums). After spinning this disc a few times...we can't decide which we like better, the debut...or this? Actually and in fact, we prefer both albums as they are equally satisfying and superb. There are few bands around that can compete with this band when they hit their highs. Cool, ultra-hummable cuts include "Going Nowhere Slow," "This Bedroom Prayer" (our favorite), "Modern Vigil," "Seraphim," and "All the Real Girls." Recommended. (Rating: 5++)" - Babysue "...this album could be the perfect soundtrack for a westside suburbanite's ride home." -SEN Magazine Any Given Tuesday "The Seldon Plan makes some of the best laid-back indie rock in the region." -Amie St. "...there is a lot of intelligent catchy pop musicalities and its not stale at all. Its refreshingly potent and catchy. The guitar leads are terrific. And not Eddie Van Halen licks. But Kevin Shields lines and stripes on a different level." -Olympus-Mons.com

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