

Mp3 Bean Hoy - Cool Music For A Big Dumb World



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Wry observations on everything from baby boomer angst to hopelessly hip college towns and the joys of beater cars and Wisconsin winters...all set to a cool acousto-electro blues/folk/rock groove. 16 MP3 Songs FOLK: Folk Blues, BLUES: Funky Blues Details: Sixteen brand new tunes from a world-class lyric writer with an amusingly sharp eye on the post-modern world. The follow-up to Bean Hoy's award-winning debut album clocks in at just under one hour and features odes to beater cars, farmer tans, insidious insects and hopelessly hip college towns...plus wry observations on everything from baby boomer angst to mindless consumerism to the joys of Wisconsin winters. ABOUT THE BAND: Formed by journalist-musician Mike Starling as an outlet for his wry, topical songs, Bean Hoy has taken the stage in a wide array of formats, from acoustic duo on up to a full-fledged eight-piece rock band with a brass section called the Horns of Vengeance. Its debut album including songs like "Road Construction" and "A Little Bit Confused (The Politically Correct Song)" was named Best Local Recording of the Year in the La Crosse (Wis.) Area Music Awards (LAMMIES). Two Bean Hoy cuts were also featured on the "La Muse: La Crosse Musicians United For Safe Energy" compilation album. ABOUT THIS RECORDING: Starling recorded and mixed the album over the past three years in his Milwaukee-based studio, and the CD was mastered by Grammy Award-winning engineer Brett Huus. Unlike the first Bean Hoy CD, "Cool Music For A Big Dumb World" is a mostly solo effort with Starling handling all vocals and instruments except for the following guest musicians: Bob Mueller plays the drum kit on "Winter!" A current member of the Bean Hoy live band, Bob met Mike in college, where they formed the acoustic punk trio, Your Missing Socks, with Todd Haefer. Mike and Bob recorded the original tracks for "Winter!" in their Oshkosh, Wisconsin studio in 1987. Bob now makes his home in Port Washington, Wisconsin. Check out his songwriting on the Dime Novel CD, "Dementia," available at CD Baby. Kevin Skrenes, who played with Mike in the La

Crosse-based Sons of Distortion band, adds drums to "Rocket." Hear more of Kevin's playing on the Sons of Distortion CD, "Livin' In The Milky Way," available at CD Baby. Jared Drake adds harmony vocals to "Go Beater Car Go." The Milwaukee native plays bass in the current Bean Hoy live band lineup.

ANOTHER GREAT BEAN HOY ALBUM: "Boys Can't Be Trusted," compiles 15 classic Bean Hoy tracks (including several from the band's award-winning debut album) on one CD. "Topical, folky, extremely tasty, with flourishes of jazz, new wave and blues...like Dave Barry backed by the Violent Femmes," said LAX Magazine. The songs are a laundry list of local and national maladies, often depicted with a dark sense of humor. And, as often as not, the music is as playful as the words. Starling talk-sings clever lyrics about everything from fake lives to short-term memory loss to road construction. All in all, the album is a reflection of inane pop culture, where one no longer condemns the plastic world around us but instead videotapes it for later when theres nothing else on. "Boyish charm dusted with sarcasm," said Toronto critic Janet Costello. "Songs, sung with a smile, about hating road construction, dragging yourself to work, and the highlights of TV from the '70s. You can hear Mike smiling; you can hear the wryness in his grin. If you loved the 'O Brother Where Art Thou' soundtrack, the music will delight you. Be sure to check out the pictures of the artist as a wee lad. They're worth the price of the CD alone!" Available at CD Baby, iTunes and other cool Internet outlets.

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