

## Mp3 The Badge - Calling Generation Mojo



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The Badge are part of the recent crop of New York City bands who have gone to the UK seeking their fortune. Drawing on influences such as the Small Faces, Who, Kinks, Beatles, Byrds and Buffalo Springfield, they're the hottest mod-influenced band today. 13 MP3 Songs ROCK: 60's Rock, ROCK: Classic Rock Details: The NYC-based The Badge recaptured the sound of the late 1960's on it's debut release "...digital retro..." and have made a huge artistic leap with its new release "Calling Generation Mojo", on Detour Records. By combining influences such as The Beatles, The Kinks, Small Faces, T. Rex, The Who, Buffalo Springfield and the Byrds, The Badge has brought to life once again that classic period in rock history and souped it up for the new millennium. "Calling Generation Mojo" - The Badge's follow-up to the nearly 3,500 copy selling indie release "...digital retro..." - is a mindblowing, 1971-ish records that rocks AND rolls. "If our debut record was our '1967 record,'" said The Badge's leader Jeff Slate recently, "then this will be our '1971 record.' It's more direct, the songwriting has matured by leaps and bounds and it just plain sounds better." Bold assertions? Sure. But that comes on the heels of an exciting couple of years for The Badge. "...digital retro..." was lauded by the press, with reviewer Gary Vollono, of the on-line music club IndepenDisc writing that "...digital retro..." is the album "that the Beatles would've progressed to making had they remained together. In fact, the production is so polished you'd swear George Martin was behind the boards." The Badge is a four-piece band. Similar in concept to Jeff Lynne's 1970s ELO or Noel Gallagher's Oasis, Jeff Slate (vocals, bass organ) is The Badge's heart and soul and is responsible for the band's signature sound. The band's principal songwriter, Jeff has a long list of credits as a professional musician, producer and engineer. As a solo artist Jeff has opened for Sheryl Crow, toured Europe and America extensively, and has recorded and performed with Pete Townshend of The Who, who acted as executive producer on a series of demos by Jeff in the mid-1990's.

The Badge also includes singer/songwriter Marc Teamaker (guitar, vocals piano), Nelson Pla (drums, percussion vocals), and Matt Kalin (keyboards vocals). The Badge just completed a UK tour and are planning tours of the UK and US in support of "Calling Generation Mojo" in 2004.

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