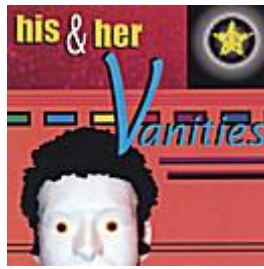


Mp3 His & Her Vanities - Pop: Quirky



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These left-of-center labcoat indie rockers from Madison, WI experiment with various concoctions of pop, punk, new wave and noise in a fun and eclectic fashion. 12 MP3 Songs POP: Quirky, ROCK: Noise

Details: BAND MEMBERS: Ricky Riemer-- guitar, vocals, keyboards, sampler Terrin Riemer-- bass, vocals, keyboards Sara Winkelman-- drums Matt Abplanalp-- guitar BIO: Experimental poprock? Punkish artrock? Psychedelic alternative rock? New wave? Low-fi indie noise pop? What the heck are they???

Actually, the answer depends on the song. This creative Madison, Wisconsin-based band has a very distinctive style that they use in a variety of ways. Some of the Vanities' songs have more of a punk edge, some have a definite pop-feel, and some are just plain weird yet organized. Sometimes he's singing, sometimes it's her, sometimes it's both. Most of Vanities' songs are concoctions of guitars, bass, drums, vocals and keyboards (moog and synthesizer).... some also integrate drum machine and sampler. Their self-titled debut record, His Her Vanities, was released June 17th, 2002 on Science of Sound. HISTORY:

A good portion of the songs on the Vanities' debut record was already written by Ricky and Terrin in late 1999 before they decided to make his her Vanities into a band that played out live. It was unknown whether the songs would transfer well into a live set or not since the duo had only heard them the way they were recorded, layer upon layer onto a Roland VS1680 in the basement. But of course playing out would be so much fun, so they decided to give it a try. In early 2000, drummer Sara Winkelman was recruited, a set was constructed, and the Vanities played several gigs around Wisconsin and also participated in Ladyfest Midwest in Chicago. It was a short run before they took a break from live shows to re-record the songs. emerging from the basement 5 months later, Ricky, Terrin and Sara took the new recordings to Smart Studios in their hometown of Madison, WI to be mixed by the master, Mike Zirkel. A short time thereafter, June 17th, 2002, this debut record was released. Matt Abplanalp has been added to

the formula for live shows to showcase his ability to mimic Ricky at guitar which yields a 4-piece lineup.

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