

Mp3 Colonel Knowledge - Reconnaissance



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Smart indie pop with soul. 10 MP3 Songs POP: Quirky, ROCK: Progressive Rock Details: From falsetto ballads that will make Coldplay's blood run cold to fast groove-pop that will singe Lenny Kravitz's sideburns, Colonel Knowledge's debut album "Reconnaissance" showcases thoughtful songwriting and live musical performances. "We mic'ed up our rehearsal room and recorded all the instruments live without click tracks," says drummer Scowl. "We made very few punches; we even kept a lot of the improvised solos from original takes." The vocals were recorded separately, says guitarist Capital., but the same philosophy applied. "We just sang straight through each song until we felt the performance was inspired. Edits were the exception and we didn't do any pitch correction or heavy processing." Still, the performances and production are incredibly polished, and Reconnaissance has been getting great reviews from fans and critics online and in print. Colonel Knowledge is made up of an all-star cast of Bay Area musicians who are veterans of MC Shing02's Terracotta Troupe and local hip-hop institution The Slaptones as well as West African drumming ensembles and Brazilian jazz groups. This broad palette of experience accounts for the originality and sophistication of their indie pop sound. Capital (guitar) and Lizard (bass) have released several recordings with Shing02 for Japanese indie label Mary Joy Recordings, selling over 40,000 units internationally through Nippon Crown in Japan and T.R.C. distributors in San Francisco. They also performed an acclaimed 50-minute set at the Fuji Rock Festival 2000 and are featured on the compilations "Catacombs" and "Kyogen" for Speedstar International distributed by Victor Entertainment, Inc. Colonel Knowledge's recent U.S. tour was a huge success, including packed shows at New York's Lion's Den, Oregon State and Ohio State Universities, and Portland's PGE Park where they played to an enthusiastic crowd of 6,700 baseball fans.

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