

# Mp3 The Exeter Popes - Snow, Mountain, Geisha



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This Brooklyn band's songs distill their most cherished influences - The Smiths, The Cocteau Twins, The Pastels - unique strum and bash guitar-playing style, coupled with quirky rhythmic dynamics, creating a sound all their own. 5 MP3 Songs POP: British Pop, ROCK: Modern Rock Details: Brooklyn songwriter Stephen Lipuma's latest musical incarnation begins with the inception of The Exeter Popes this past winter. Lipuma's songs distill his most cherished influences The Smiths, The Cocteau Twins, The Pastels by utilizing a unique strum and bash guitar-playing style, coupled with quirky rhythmic dynamics, creating a sound all its own. With a White Shoe Records release of the their debut EP in Spring of 2006 receiving both critical and community acclaim, Stephen returned to the studio in the summer, this time with fellow Brooklynite and producer Greg Hoy (The Last Town Chorus, Snob Hill, Americans). With Hoy engineering and producing the sessions at his Blue Door Studios in addition to performing drumming duties, the duo got to work. Quickly inspired and meticulously mixed and arranged, 'Snow, Mountain, Geisha' contains five of the dozen songs sprouted during this period, further building on the daydream-promise of the first EP. Stephen, looking to further expand the band's sound, turned to his friends for help. A chance re-connection with bassist and kindred spirit Michael Figgiani, a prominent figure in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn's bar and restaurant scene; a fateful introduction to keyboard player and percussionist, Becky Cousins, fresh off a hippie commune, also assumed the role as the band's undisputed ambassador to the next world's love, peace and harmony movement completed with Greg staying on, keeping precise and deliberate time on the drums. What has emerged is a band best described as the Carpenters for the new age. The band will return to Blue Door Studios to begin work on a full-length in early 2007. Look out for their second release on White Shoe Records entitled Snow, Mountain, Geisha due out in January 2007.

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