

# Mp3 Naked Spatula Monkeys - You, Understood



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Smart and catchy modern rock... from muscular, rhythmic hard rock to radio-ready pop rock and beautiful, soaring ballads, this album is a maelstrom of melody, delivering a powerful musical experience by a band of true passion. 10 MP3 Songs ROCK: Modern Rock, POP: Today's Top 40 Details: Music comes naturally for the five young men of the Naked Spatula Monkeys. Years of experience on several instruments and in diverse ensembles have given each of them a strong background in a variety of styles. It was the collaboration of three musicians in a high school jazz band in their hometown of Valparaiso, Indiana that conceived NSM, which first won renown as champions of the 1996 "Battle of the Bands". For Bob, Bryan, Chris, Mike, and Tom, the pursuit of music is a shared passion, a passion that most recently culminated in the release of their second full-length album of original material, entitled "You, Understood". After their high school days, NSM recorded and released their first CD, "Wearing Nothing But a Smirk". The album chronicled the best original songs that NSM had written in the four years since their inception in 1994. Mirroring the musicians' diverse backgrounds, the twelve songs are carefully-crafted exercises in various genres. From the alternative sounds of opener "As Yet, Untitled" through the poignant, metrically complex ballad "Fallen Angel" and the pop sounds of "So Damn Glad" to the hard edges of the closer, "Mind," the songs of Wearing Nothing But A Smirk show that their authors had come a long way from their garage beginnings. Following the successful completion and release of "Wearing Nothing But A Smirk", NSM continued to progress rapidly. In spite of college commitments that keep them away from "The Region" (as natives of Northwest Indiana know it) most of the year, necessitating an intermittent chain of concerts, the band managed to attract the interest of independent record labels (including Savant International Records), to record a music video at a Chicago television station, to play a special half-hour radio broadcast on WIIL (95.1 FM), and to complete another album's worth of songs. In summer of 2001,

the band completed work on the ten songs that comprise "You, Understood", their sophomore effort, just released in January 2002. Recorded in Kenosha, Wisconsin's Renwood Messenger Studios, NSM worked closely with producers George Renner and Matt Mattoon, noted for collaborations with such bands as Hangnail and Slipknot, and with important producers including Tom Lord-Alge and Sean McMahon. Trevor Sadler, distinguished for his work on such platinum successes as Nine Inch Nails' "Broken", mastered "You, Understood" at Milwaukee's Mastermind Studios in the fall of 2001. Featuring songs like the muscular, rhythmic "Consider This:" and "Sorry Afterwards", the catchy, radio-ready "Only Holding", and the soaring ballad "Beyond the Grey", the album is maelstrom of melody, demonstrating the band's defined modern rock style. Enjoy "You, Understood".

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