

Mp3 Beat Radio - The Ecstatic Ep



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lo-fi indie pop collective based in bellmore, ny. 6 MP3 Songs POP: New Wave, ROCK: Noise Details:

Beat Radio is an indie pop collective led by ny-based singer songwriter brian sendrowitz. current, past, and future members include: phil jimenez, jim mansfield, mike mccabe, rob haussmann, tim lannen, and vanesa alvero. "Bellmore's Brian Sendrowitz has recruited a team of local ringers, including Gordo Gringo front man Phil Jimenez, for his new group, Beat Radio, which recalls the heady days of late 1980s and early 1990s indie rock. The early demos are full of droning, fuzzed-out guitars, bringing to mind iconic groups such as Dean Wareham's Luna and Galaxie 500. There's a subtle undercurrent of Americana as well: Sendrowitz's poignantly unsteady voice conjures up none other than Neil Young (an enduring hero among indie-rockers). At their best, songs such as the buzzing "Elegy" and the sparsely arranged "A Million Miles" achieve a warm, dusky glow, like the sad end to a beautiful day. Check out beatradio.org."

-Rafer Guzman, Newsday "A wonderful mix of jangly but slightly fuzzed-out guitars and wavering vocals that are backed by good heart-felt lyrics...There is a hint of Americana that bleeds through their songs and makes them feel warm and familiar. When their upcoming EP is released, I suggest you check it out."

-Can You See the Sunset from the Southside? "New York based band, Beat Radio, are led by singer/songwriter, Brian Sendrowitz (guitar), along with Phil Jimenez (guitar and keyboards), Mike McCabe (bass) and Jim Mansfield (drums). The quartet fit into the 'indie' groove quite nicely. The vocals and harmonies have that well worn, slightly offbeat/off kilter veneer that feels organic, and in fact it's Sendrowitz vocals and lyrics which outshine anything else in the songs. The songs are, for the most part, framed in the raggedy guitar sounds of the early nineties, but the band is quite capable of walking or running as the song dictates, despite playing their first live gig a scant four months ago." -Alan Williamson, Sixeyes "But on to what really matters, which was when Beat Radio finally took the stage.

Each song sounded as good, if not better live, and I found myself knowing all the words. Had I really listened to them that much in just a few weeks? The answer is yes. There's a certain mood and atmosphere that resonates from this band that I just can't get enough of. To say that lead singer Brian Sendrowitz is a jittery lead singer is not at all a criticism. In fact, it makes for a great visual. I like jitters. It's that I-feel-so-much-and-want-to-get-it-out intensity that brought their songs to a new level. Oh yeah, and they played "Ancient As The Stars." I just adore that song." -The Underrated "When I wrote about them in August, I said that they seemed to have potential, so I was very happy to hear that they've gone and utilized that to create fuller songs. Of course, that will happen naturally when you add a full band with a real drummer. At times, they really throw a lot more energy into a song, and songs like Ancient and Mexico which were good, are now even better." Yeti Don't Dance "Beat Radio play sweet and subtly complex songs. it's familiar music, yet somehow unique." Scatter o' Light "Beat Radio spin wistful melodies with subtle, vulnerable lyrics in the same vein as Luna or Sebadoh's more tender moments. Their songs have a radiant, familiar quality that grows on you with each listen." 3hive September 26, 2005

"I am not an mp3 blog. Mp3 blogs have an infinite amount of knowledge and discovery that I just can't come close. That said, occasionally I will come across a band by accident that I just have to share. So for this post, I'll be that guy writing about that obscure band. Why? Because I love these songs, and I know a LOT of other people will to (especially bloggers like Rachael, Jeff, and Nora). Trust me." Yeti Don't Dance

"Have you ever listened to a song, and realized that you have a ridiculous grin on your face because you are so struck by what you are hearing? I had that moment on Monday while riding the train to work. See, sometimes bands send me tracks, and I listen to them once. Just once. But sometimes bands send me tracks, and I listen to them once. And then twice. And then, well... you get the point: the tracks suddenly become the soundtrack for my commute. Beat Radio provided the background music for my travels this week. I don't know much about them, but this is what I do know: fuzzy, low-fi sound + strong vocals + catchy hooks = my head steadily nodding. There is something very simple and beautiful about the songs. Vocalist Brian Sendrowitz has stolen my heart with lyrics like: I know I've been walking for a million miles/ I saw something in your eyes/ It made me smile. If you have time, catch Beat Radio at Sin-e on Saturday, October 1st. I'll be there nodding my head." -Indie Don't Dance "Beat Radio sound like they could easily have been one of the early Matador bands." -Chronically Hip (and in denial)

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