

Mp3 The Philistines! - \$



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The Philistines channel Stevie Wonder, the Police, XTC and Tortoise to make lush pop songs that open your ears then get stuck in your head. 10 MP3 Songs POP: Quirky, ROCK: Modern Rock Details: BEWARE THE PHILISTINES! The Philistines defy category. Their meticulously crafted debut is chock full of taut bouncy rock grooves, ska elements, Motown break beat, and a jazz-rock mentality not unlike Steely Dan's. Replace Donald Fagan's vocals with front-man Andrew Thompson's - a mix of Sting, Colin Hay, Elvis Costello, and a touch of Stevie Wonder. Their songs range from the sitar-infused cubano ballad Scheherezade to the drum and bass carnival stomper Sabotage. Their unique brand of new wave pop is a progeny of the glory days of MTV a la XTC, Level 42, Squeeze, and Men at Work. Although the Philistines may sound nostalgic, they are no garage revivalists or retro rockers. This Brooklyn-based band nods more to Joe Jackson and the Police than to the Kinks. The Philistines rely on tightly polished arrangements with a jazz bent. There are no gimmicks or frills. There is a sincerity and adventurousness to the Philistines that makes them not only sound fresh, but thoroughly refreshing.

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