

## Mp3 Alice Despard Group - Thinning Of The Veil



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A blend of psychedelia, punk and alt-country, both lush and ethereal, with Alice's soaring voice combining heaven and earth in songs both mysterious and urgent. 12 MP3 Songs ROCK: Psychedelic, POP: with Live-band Production Details: Alice Despard Group Alice Despard has always been a bit of an outsider in the Washington D.C. music scene-- That's ok with Alice because she owns her own club anyway: the cozy and eclectic Galaxy Hut in Arlington, VA, and she has spent quite a bit of time forging her own sound -- a blend of psychedelia, punk and alt-country--or as Splendid E-Zine put it: pure peyote punk-rock, to which they added, Brilliant. Alice acknowledges influences as diverse as Van Morrison, Neil Young, Mission of Burma, and the Sea and Cake. And while her influences are rarely worn on her sleeve, when you take a look at the ones mentioned here, a vast guitar-shaped territory of smart songwriting begins to map itself out. Smack dab in the center you'll find Alice's music. --Snappop Magazine, 5/01 Washington Post music critic Mark Jenkins has raved for years about Alice Despard's music, to the point where he is beginning to sound like a hoarse, lonely prophet bellowing in the desert: 1998's "Push Me Pull You" (Deep Reverb) was on Mark Jenkin's Top Ten List of Albums in 1998...."Lush, ethereal counrty-rock may seem a curious concept, but this local singer-songwriter manages to combine heaven and Earth in 11 songs that are both mysterious and urgent." --M. Jenkins 1/1/99 Washington Post Weekend 2000's "Alice Despard Group" EP (Arlington) "....what's here ranks with the best of Despard's fine (and unjustly overlooked) work." --MJ 10/00 Washington Post 2003's "Thinning of the Veil" "There are swirling mists in Alice Despard's music...but also beacons which pierce the fog. Melancholy verses shift to ebullient refrains, roundabout riffs yield to trenchant leads, floating melodies are suddenly redirected by a gathering beat. Despard's style can be compared to that of many bands that combined folkie tunes with psychedelic grooves. Specific influences aren't conspicuous, however, in such songs as the sprightly

"Superfine Comb" or the stark (and Beatles-quoting) "Hold You Up." The musician has developed an assured, individual style, one that can be spacious yet never sounds overinflated....[a] precise balance between the cosmic and the earthy that keeps "Thinning of the Veil" grounded even at its loftiest." --Mark Jenkins 7/03 Washington Post/Style OTHER REVIEWS: "Alice Despard is one of the great songwriters going these days...If her writing skills weren't enough, Despard has a haunting, low-alto voice that immediately brings chills to the spine....She's unique and utterly compelling." --Aiding Abetting 7/03 Despard's solo album is a temptuous affair, full of grim American country rock ambience and unfettered emotion...Think Patti Smith or a female Neil Young. Think artists who make it real... Splendid E-Zine 2/99 ...unflinchingly powerful songs which can't escape the brain no matter what...brilliant and astonishing... --Aiding and Abetting 2/99 ..one of the finest voices on the Washington music scene, Despard sings her own powerful compositions, rock songs filled with nearly hymnlike melodies. --Eric Brace, Washington Post, 12/02 Alice Despard Group The Alice Despard Group has performed at the Black Cat in DC, Mercury Lounge and Knitting Factory in NYC, Galaxy Hut and IOTA in Arlington, VA, and Tokyo Rose in Charlottesville, VA. ADG has opened for Richard Buckner, Lois, Bettie Serveert, Rebecca Gates (Spinanes), Purple Ivy Shadows, Jenny Toomey, and Jonathan Linnell (They Might Be Giants). Discography: Thinning of the Veil, LP, 2003, Arlingtone Records Alice Despard Group EP, 2000, Arlingtone Records Push Me Pull You LP, 1999, Deep Reverb Records Alice D. (samsara) LP, 1990 Get Yer Hyaa-Hyaa Out! Hyaa!, vinyl LP , 1987 Hyaa! EP, 1986, Fountain of Youth Records MP3s of Alice Despard Group are available at: [alicedespard.com](http://alicedespard.com) [mp3.washingtonpost.com/bands/alice\\_despard.shtml](http://mp3.washingtonpost.com/bands/alice_despard.shtml) [epitonic.com/artists/alicedespardgroup.html](http://epitonic.com/artists/alicedespardgroup.html)

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