

Mp3 Brother Seeker - Pop: Power Pop



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Ex-SQUIRREL NUT ZIPPERS make an album that sounds nothing like SQUIRREL NUT ZIPPERS. 13 MP3 Songs POP: Power Pop, ROCK: Modern Rock Details: BROTHER SEEKER (by the Chapel Hill band of the same name) is an immediate and surprising debut record. It combines dense grooves, provocative lyrics, and bitch-slap rock and roll. Written, recorded and produced by Tom Maxwell and Ken Mosher, Brother Seeker is the musical culmination of these two's oft-entwined Chapel Hill music careers. Perhaps surprisingly, Brother Seeker bears no resemblance to Maxwell and Mosher's first collaboration, 10 years ago, as founders of Squirrel Nut Zippers. With a little help from friends Robert Sledge (Ben Folds Five) and NC band SNMNMNM, and drawing from influences as diverse as Nirvana, Robert Wyatt, Guided by Voices, Beatles, Spoon and Big Star, Brother Seeker is a roller-coaster ride through the best of the last fifty years of British and American pop and rock. Although Maxwell and Mosher exhibit very different writing and vocal styles, the diversity is one of the album's strengths, and the result is nothing less than a manifesto. In the best tradition of the great AOR classics, Brother Seeker masterfully melds the pieces into a beautiful musical collage. The 13 excellent songs on this CD become individual pieces in a complex musical puzzle, all the more meaningful and strong as a collection. Much like the White Album, or the great Pixies, each dramatic change on Brother Seeker enhances the previous and following songs. Very few groups have the balls to purposefully arrange and order an album to de-emphasize individual songs, in order strengthen the CD. Tom Maxwell and Ken Mosher have had a musical relationship for a decade, beginning with their roles as pillars of Squirrel Nut Zippers (1993-1999). When Tom recorded his acclaimed solo record Samsara, Ken rode along as a member of Tom's touring band The Minor Drag in 2000. Soon after, Tom decided to take time off to raise a family. Wanting to get involved with kids himself, Ken joined teen-rockers The b-sides (2000-2002) and produced an album and a half of wonderful pop

music. Now they've teamed up again, as writers, producers and performers. The result of that collaboration is Brother Seeker . Play it loud.

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