

# Mp3 Zachary J. Mechlem - The Haight Gang



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The soundtrack to a Wild West tale told through music that combines Indian, Arabic, and Spanish influences with Country and Rock. 16 MP3 Songs WORLD: World Fusion, COUNTRY: Country Rock Details: \*\*\*Voted "Best Songwriter", Best of Cincinnati 2003\*\*\* Zachary J. Mechlem is co-founder of World Fusion trio, Mohenjo Daro and frontman for Country Western concept band, Mack West. "The Haight Gang is a unique "East meets West" combo mixing elements of roots Rock music with Indian and Arabic sounds. Mechlem shows a great talent for making music that is vivid and wildly visceral, creating appropriate moods for each "scene." The tracks with vocals will remind some of Nick Cave's work, and that kind of "Western Gothic" aesthetic is consistent throughout the record." -Mike Breen, City Beat Magazine "Listening to The Haight Gang, a concept album by Mechlem, would make anyone want to get out the old cowboy hat and toy gun to play "cowboys and Indians" with the neighborhood kids. But it might also make listeners want to get up and dance. The album is a soundtrack to a Western and has a rough and tumble Johnny Cash feel to it, but is spiced up with Indian, Arabic and Spanish influences." -Sue Bal, The News Record "Mechlem picks the banjo-mandolin with a swift deftness that brings images of a Django Reinhardt documentary immediately to mind." -Jana Marx, Et Cetera \*Winner of the 2002 Shure Music Roots Songwriting Contest\* "Shure received many outstanding entries for the 2002 Musical Roots Contest. After difficult judging and listening to over 1600 entries, Shure awarded the Grand Prize to Zachary J. Mechlem for his original song, "Dakota." "Mechlem produced the recordings and performed on most of the instruments. He additionally managed all engineering tasks as well, using an eight-track analog cassette recorder producing tape which was then mixed down directly to a CD burner. Outside of the project studio, Mechlem masterfully performs guitar, doumbek, and banjo-mandolin with Mohenjo Daro, a world fusion trio." -Gregory A. DeTogne, Shure Inc.

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