

- THE - BLACK SWANS CHANGE!



NEW FACE
HOPE ISLAND
COATS
ONLY BE WITH YOU
SHAKE
PURPLE HEART
FRUITLESS WAYS
BLUE MOON *9
3 BROKEN WORDS
SLIDE ON DOWN
CHANGE
3 CHORD SONG

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Previous Releases:

Sex Brain CD EP

2006 Bman Records

Who Will Walk in the Darkness

With You? CD

2004 Delmore Recording Society

Here, beside you, is the slow-burning new album by The Black Swans, *Change!*. With nods to Charles Simic, the Left Banke, and Fred Neil, it is their most melodic and emotionally diverse music yet.

Whereas their debut, *Who Will Walk in the Darkness with You?* (2004), dove deep into the pond of existential doubt, and their self-released follow-up EP, *Sex Brain* (2006) examined the tragi-comic throes of intimacy, *Change!* deals in reconciliation and reconstruction of the spirit and self.

Heavy shit, it also includes the sounds of apple eating ("*Purple Heart*") and word-less David Lynch style doo-wop ("*Blue Moon *9*").

You see my bones
My coat is shed
Peel away the past
The epidermal dead
(from "*Coats*")

It was recorded in the guitar player's living room, mixed in the drummer's basement, and mastered by Rob LoVerde (Springsteen and Dylan vinyl) at Sony Studios. As in the past, The Black Swans feature the broken broodings of songwriter/singer/guitarist, Jerry DeCicca and the classical, Appalachian swoop of Noel Sayre's violin. To fund the finishing touches, DeCicca took a job for 3 months as an afternoon DJ at a strip club.

It is important to note the album cover painting, *Ustifed*, by Debbie Porchetti, a member of Arc North Workshop. Arc North is a sheltered art workshop, a branch of Franklin County Board of MRDD. They provide services for 300 adults with developmental challenges and recognize their talents by offering an environment that reinforces their confidence and self expression. The limited edition vinyl version (LSE 007.5) features original, one of a kind artwork by workshop members who applied their expression to 500 blank album jackets.

Too, DeCicca recently co-produced the first new recordings in 30 years by former Monument recording artist Larry Jon Wilson (featured in the documentary *Heartism Highway*). This new material will be released in the UK in early 2008 via 1965 Records / Sony.

Raw, pretty, and contrary, *Change!* is an earful.

Previous Selected Press:

"The focus is on the grievous awkwardness of physical longing, and of trying to articulate it without sounding macho, merely perverted, desperate, disloyal, or dopey...The resulting quest-for-truth middle ground staked out by *Sex Brain* is, again, plenty awkward" 8/10
-Pitchfork

"Sex Brain has the queasy, melancholic appeal of sex with an ex-lover or old friend....Singing about what jerking off is really like, the miniature pleasure and small sadness of the little death, takes balls." B+
-Stylus

"Do not operate near children or pets"
-Harp



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