

Mp3 Wow, Owls! - Pick Your Patterns

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Late night passages told through harsh, explosive and haunting lo-fi indie/punk songs. 9 MP3 Songs

ROCK: Punk, ROCK: Hard Rock Details: After relentless touring in North America and Europe, a full length album as well as highly received cd and vinyl split EPs with punk mainstays, Hot Cross and Transistor Transistor, Virginia's post-punk, dance floor rockers, LIGHT THE FUSE AND RUN finally came home, put their instruments to rest and called it quits. Months later, in fall 2003, former 'Fuse bassist Jeffrey Byers and close friends, John Hall and Brian Turke joined forces with Richmond newbies, Brandon Peck and Tyler Worley to create a new driving, punk force, WOW, OWLS!. WOW, OWLS! spent the better part of 2004 gathering international attention for their demo, performing along the eastern seaboard and, all the while, writing and fine tuning their raw, dynamic and explosive music. In December 2004, they documented their first full length, "Pick Your Patterns" with Richmond's Jason Laferrera, engineer of past albums by VCR, Gregor Samsa and Stop It!!. "Pick Your Patterns" was released April 11, 2005. These guys may come through on this album as raw, lo-fi and gritty, but that's exactly what they wanted. Here lies the sweat, the alcohol and the unrefined passion of early punk, with just enough catchiness and pop to raise some eyebrows of the rock community. Late night bittersweet passages of contempt, loss and loneliness. Who can't raise a glass to that? This is highly recommended to fans of everything from early Fugazi, Antioch Arrow and Born Against, to more contemporary underground artists such as City Of Caterpillar, These Arms Are Snakes, Challenger and early Blood Brothers. A motley, postmodern punk record for what's left of the punk in our aging bodies. Some Recent Press: "The most solid debut we've seen arrive this year yet... Somewhere there's an unwritten list of bands praised left and right for making mercurially intense and creatively hardcore-oriented music. Whoever's mentioned, it only seems fair that if not now then later, Wow, Owls! would receive acknowledgment." - Brian Schultz, Punknews.org "This combustible Richmond, Va. indie/hardcore mob packs a peripatetic density to the nearly half-hour "Pick Your Patterns." Compressed into an airless, lo-fi production, these nine songs are volatile, unceasing and given to jerky turns with all the subtlety of a sledgehammer between the eyes." - Wade Coggesshall, Indiana Journal Review "Great choons, rammed with energy and the essential

lashings of full-bore melody that ensures it doesn't all dissolve into a mess of make that you forget the instant that the record is over. Fine, fine album." - Andy Malcolm, Collective Zine (England) "The sweep of nine tracks on Pick Your Patterns brings back memories of late night summer drives in route between NY and North Carolina listening to the best in local hardcore and indie. For those who also desire such memories pick up Pick Your Patterns... Don't miss out on your new favorite local band." - Exoduster.com "Go ahead and argue the social relevance of the newish post-hardcore genre 'screamo' all you want, but it still feels more sincere and more powerful than today's metal. Metallica can spend a year in the studio getting fat on donuts, and won't come anywhere close to what Wow Owls! are able to cough up by reflex on this debut." 8/10 -Jason, Alternative-Zine.com

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