

Acorns need single spark to ignite ability

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Acorns "Acorns" Post-Ambient Motion Production

"Jerry Lee Lewis' 13-year-old wifecousin rides in a convertible/Flapping scarf and sunglasses/The girl raised by goats she eats tin cans and rags/Through 13 summers of bare feet on hot cement."

So the lyrics start out Acorns self-titled album.

Describing the Acorns and/or comparing them to any major band is



very difficult. Their playing style is very uninspirational.

Jeanette Morgan (vocals) sings out the lyrics in a quiet, non-threatening way. While listening to her voice, it is easy to become distracted. It is not unpleasant to listen to, it just doesn't reach out and grab you.

Alex McManus (guitar, vocals) blends his voice with Morgan's to create a pleasant and nice sound. He also has a quiet, non-threatening voice. The unmotivated effect is doubled as they sing together.

Michael Fratt (bass) is the center of their music. The steady and repetitive rhythm has the tendency to cause the rest of the music to become similar and boring.

Jeff Heintzleman (drums) does a good job of not drowning out the vocals and following Fratt's bass. One of his problems is he never completely fills his fills. It sounds like he is setting up the listener for some great solo, but it never happens.

The Acorns have some really good lyrics but they cover them up with simple and repeating music. As a person listens to their album, it slowly sinks to the background. The song titles alone scream out for greatness, only to be disappointed.

There seems to be a lot of raw, untapped talent. They just need the one spark that will ignite the rest of their ability.

"Acorns" are based in Omaha and frequently play the Haymarket area.

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