

# Music Reviews



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Motown  
Grade: B-**

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Grade: A**

Since their creation in the early-to-mid '70s, blaxploitation films have always been a source of debate. Some people see their portrayals of strong, individualistic black heroes as a recognition of black audiences in the mainstream movie market. Others see the films as shallow, trashy purveyors of racially motivated stereotypes. But no matter what people think

of these films' contents, at least their soundtracks can get their proper and undisputed respect.

This thinking (and a bit of marketing research) is exactly what spurned Motown's re-issue of Willie Hutch's two classic soundtrack compositions — "The Mack" (1973) and "Foxy Brown" (1974).

Next to incomparable artists such as Curtis Mayfield and Isaac Hayes, Hutch was the master of the blaxploitation soundtrack. His wah-wah and organ-laced compositions were rich in soulful artistry and tongue-in-cheek narratives of street life.

"Foxy Brown," the stronger of the two re-issues, almost works as a

street-level symphony, working the twisted elements of love, lust and revenge into an 11-song masterpiece. Songs such as "Theme of Foxy Brown" and "You Sure Know How to Love Your Man" are heartfelt and groove-based works that, thankfully, never take themselves too seriously.

"The Mack" is a slightly less effective collection, showing only brief flashes of the mastery that Hutch would reach just one year later with "Foxy Brown." Nonetheless, this album contains several instantly likable and memorable tunes, especially "Brother's Gonna Work It Out" and "Slick."

— Jeff Randall

## TMJ

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The band's new bassist is William Wittman, who has produced its last few albums.

TMJ recorded a song on its album "Cereal Killers" called "Long Haired Guy From England" about losing women to the type of man described in the song's title. In a typical TMJ twist, Wittman has long hair and is British.

"We still play it, with an extra edge to the song, since we have one on stage now. TMJ has always been about putting out our own hypocrisies, so it just gives the song an extra level of resonance as far as I'm concerned," Quirk said.

"Apparently being in TMJ is stronger than being from England because he's not doing any better with the chicks than any of us," Quirk added with a chuckle.

TMJ has always been a glutton for trouble. Two different covers of "...finally" were released, with one minor difference.

"The original conception was this

couple in bed both thinking the same thing, which is finally," Quirk said. "Then the people at Discovery told us about the die-cut, so that the CD booklet can fold down.

"We thought, 'Hey, they could be butt-naked under the album!' what with another picture when the album folded down."

Much to TMJ's surprise, Discovery agreed to go through with the die-cut cover, and two versions of the album were produced.

One version of the cover has the couple "butt-naked" and the other one has them wearing underwear. The way to tell the difference (the covers look the same until folded down) is a sticker that says "Warning: Contains Cartoon Genitalia."

Quirk also has been known to disrobe at shows, which he says, hasn't gotten him in trouble at all.

"You have to appeal to the prurient interest, which in English, means you have to turn someone on. When I take my clothes off in public, there's no chance of anyone getting turned on, so I'm safe," Quirk said.

TMJ also can do its share of name

dropping, if it chooses. Wittman engineered Joan Osborne's hit album, "Relish." The video for "Donna Everywhere," a single from the album "Mutiny," was directed by Teller and conceived by Penn (also known as the comedy-magic duo "Penn and Teller").

The video begins with the words "These men have just been given \$30,000 to make a music video" across the bottom of the screen and TMJ waving to the camera. It follows the band through a mall as it proceeds to blow all of the cash.

And in another move certain to add to the TMJ legend, the band has even been arrested.

"When 2 Live Crew was arrested in Broward County because some idiot in the Legislature said 'those songs can't be sung,' the band was sitting around going 'aw, that sucks.' And it's nice to tell other people that sucks, but it's nicer to do something about it," Quirk said.

So TMJ came up with the idea of holding a free concert with 10 bands, each one performing songs that 2 Live Crew had recorded.

Unfortunately, TMJ was the only band that performed at the concert. It was also the only band that, like 2 Live Crew, was arrested and subsequently acquitted.

"It may seem like an empty gesture, but I don't think it is. I think it's the only kind of political gesture, the one I believe in," Quirk said.

The band will be playing by itself tonight, which is a change as TMJ is often an opening act for many different bands.

TMJ will take Mudslide Slims' stage Tuesday at 10 p.m. The 21-and-over show has a \$5 cover charge.

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Meeting Monday, April 22 at 12:00 in Oldfather Hall room 538. Electing next year's officers, presenting awards and sending off the seniors. All welcome to attend. Free pizza and pop!!!

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Congratulations to our **Graduating** seniors Jay Nelson, Randy Wallingford, Tim Planders, Wayne Kriseley, Jeff Johnson, Mike Scazy, SAA Homecoming Chair, and Amanda Anderson, Scarlets Dance Team. Way to go girls! At least someone is graduating this semester at Acadia.

## ΦΒΧ

Congratulations and good luck to our graduating seniors: Darci Mann, Tanya Mousel, Tonya Niederlein, and Shawn Walkinshaw. We'll miss you guys! Love, your Sisters

## KAΘ

Congratulations to these outstanding Thetas: Ginger Massey, CRC Public Relations; Tiff Jackson, CRC Treasurer; Steph Jacox, SAA Homecoming Chair; and Amanda Anderson, Scarlets Dance Team. Way to go girls! Love, your sisters

Thanks to ATO for the BBQ. We always have a good time with you guys!

## NU JAMS

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

Alpha Xi Delta sorority and Theta Xi fraternity will be hosting the second annual NU Jams on Saturday, April 27th at the Abel courts located at UNL. If you have any questions, please, contact Matt Honke at 436-6070.

## 240 Personals

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