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new full length from chris ballew of the presidents of the usa:

the giraffes

giraffes in the underworld
kill the cake
black shadow
drunk on the sweepings
easy phantom
gone again gone
when she's drunk
bone dry
cypress ghost
mess of doubt
room forever
burned by a summer
headphone sunset



Chris Ballew has been making music since he was 4 years old and had his first band together at the age of 10. He achieved international success with "**The Presidents of the United States of America**" (selling over 7,000,000 records) as lead singer and songwriter in 1995 until he quit the band in 1998. As well as his stint with **The Presidents of the United States of America**, **Chris** has also played and recorded with **Beck** and **Mark Sandman** of **Morphine**, among others.

The major reasoning behind the change was to develop songs that didn't fit the Presidents mold and have the freedom to release them on small indie labels...**The Giraffes** is that outlet.

Chris has always made "**Giraffes**" music but it typically got shelved because he tends to go with music that is easily translated to a band in a rehearsal setting. "The high energy music I write is easier to pull off and execute live" he says, "but quiet more subtle and drumless songs are just as fun for me to create. I just feel more at ease doing these kinds of songs alone in my basement." **The Giraffes** first release, **Thirteen dimensions**, was released in 1998. After a great selling of that record **The Giraffes** began work on the second album, **The Days are Filled with Years (or 003)**.

Instruments on **The Days are Filled with Years (or 003)** sound recording include...
2 string guitar, 3 string acoustic and electric guitars, 6 string acoustic and electric guitars, 4 string bass, 1 string bass, acoustic piano, synthesizer, whirlitzer electric piano, organ bass, 3 string banjo, drums and drum loops. **The Days are Filled with Years** was mastered by Mark Guenther at Seattle Disk Mastering. The whole album was recorded on a cassette 8-track machine with a couple of mics and simple home studio setup. So **The Giraffes** are here to wipe away your tears and sooth you through a rainy afternoon on the couch.

There will be more **Giraffes** music in the future and the albums will reflect whatever musical mood happens to be flowing at that time.

Enjoy.....

This album is dedicated to the memory of Chris' close friend **Mark Sandman**, of **Morphine**, who gave Chris his first 2-string guitar and along with it the confidence to let his freak flag fly.

Selling/Marketing Points:

***The Giraffes** was founding father chris ballew, formerly of **The Presidents of The United States of America**.

***The Presidents of The United States of America** sold 7,000, 000 records worldwide.

***The Giraffes** have received rave reviews in **cmj, Magnet, Alternative Press, Option, Stylus** and

***The Giraffes** are constantly touring/involved with new projects in support of all recordings.

***Chris Ballew** has toured with everyone and played sold out shows around the world.

*Key publicity to press and radio.

*They've done it all before.

Other recordings from The Giraffes:

* Thirteen Dimensions 98 (my own planet)

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