The MANATEES

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The wacked-out glory of free-fall Theremins and wave-breaking surf guitar.

Who knew that instrumental surf was virtually invented in the Pacific North West by Tacoma natives, The Ventures. Seattle's, The Manatees, are hip to the fact and have been hell bent on preserving and expanding the tradition for over three years. Listen for Latin, African, punk, Arabic and reggae influences mixed with the surf.

Micheal : Micheal Manatee started playing guitar in a rock band in the mid 1960's. Within a few years he knew his path was different and played as a back up guitarist in instrumental Irish and Scottish fiddle music for over 25 years. After given an electric guitar again it didn't take long to figure outthe similarities between the Celtic drone of Irish music and the dramatic melodies of traditional surf. Micheals' greatest joy is creating new origional melodies in the instrumental surf genre. He is currently fooling the world as editor for Eros Comix.

Dank : Referred to by both friends and enemies as a "bass ho" Dank Manatee's musical resume' includes... The Wild Hearts, a punkabilly blues outfit once voted best bar band in New England by the"Boston Spy". A year in Senegal where he played with African musicians performing the local Mbalak style. Luther Jackson's (yes, Micheal Jacksons Uncle!) blues band, "the Loose Cannons", who were based in Phoenix, Arizona. The Wandering Fools, an unashamedly pure pop band out of Lynnwood, Washington, who, when reviewing their first release, "The Rocket Magazine" predicted would burn in Hell. Dank's current project is a collaboration with his 1 1/2 year old son, on upright bass and baby toys, called "The Theme from Ansel's Imaginary Theme". Option is not a failure - Dank "Familly Man" Manatee

Phil : Phil Manatee's quest for exciting sounds has led him into the world of theremins, leslies, optigons, copicats and other bizarre devices. Where will it lead him next? You'll have to listen to the new Manatees cd to find out.

Ed : Ed Manatee likes to play drums and stuff.

Floyd Rietsma : The Mastermind behind the Manatees recordings. Floyd has worked with many different artists including; Audioslave, Brad, Wayne Horvitz, The Supersuckers, Bill Frisell, Robin Holcomb, The Minus Five,etc...

James Becker : A freelance artist, James has done the graphic layouts on both Manatees cd's. James works in a variety of mediums and styles. For "Swamp Thang" James designed both the front and back covers.

D.J. Hubba Hubba : D.J Hubba Hubba is a well known tatoo artist. He designed the first Manatee cd cover - "Snackin' With" - and starred in the opening monologue.For the "Swamp Thang" cd, Hubba crafted the artwork for the cd label.

Rick Altergott : Rick Altergott is a well know comic artist. Rick is responsible for the "Swamp Thang" cartoon which was written by Dank Manatee.

Hot Selling/Marketing Points for THE MANATEES:

- Points:
  - > This is the 2nd Manatees full length.
  - > Phil and Ed used to be in the Dehumanizers.
  - > They use a Theremin.
  - > They have been on numerous compilations and have 3 video credits.
- Websites: The Manatees [www.themanatees.com]
  Label [www.orangerecordings.com]
- Radio: McGathy Promotions - College Radio
- Tour: Summer [www.orangerecordings.com/tourdates.html]
- Strong Markets: Seattle, Portland, San Jose, CA., Northwest
- POP Available: Posters (11x17), Stickers
- Advertising: 20+ magazines; Lollipop, Magnet, PCP, Amplifier, DIW, CMJ, Resonance
- Promos: 200 to press, radio and distribution/retail reps

*RECOMENDED TRACKS **CD**

1. Swamp Thang Prelude
2. Dale's Dick*
3. Blowhole*
4. Beyond The Wave*
5. Caudida
6. Flaccid Highway
7. Swamp Thang*
8. Invasion*
9. Thilo Bode
10. Peace Pirate
11. Iguana Moon
12. Thunderbirds Theme
13. Clepsydra
14. *Hog Daddy
15. Rolling to a Stop
16. Are 'Friends' Electric?
17. Back to the Swamp

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