

Monster mash

BY MICHAEL GRAHAM

IT'S TOO BAD that the Purple Groove Monsters didn't make it onto the *Hear and Now* compilation. They are one of the most interesting new local bands and are making their presence known in the Halifax alternative music scene.

MUSIC Purple Groove Monsters

Although they didn't get onto the compilation, they have made their own seven song cassette which is selling for four bucks at used record stores in town. Although the tape can't and doesn't capture the energy of the band live, it is still well worth the meagre price. Who knows — maybe someday it will be a collector's item.

I remember seeing the Purple Groove Monsters play their first gig at the Grawood's open mike night about two months ago. Myself and some fellow gazette layer-outers were going to review the event, but were so bored by the acts that we scrapped the idea. This all changed when the PGMs hit the stage. After listening

to non-bands (to me, a band has a rhythm section) for about an hour, it was very refreshing to hear the band play some pretty intense original tunes and make the crowd stand up and take notice.

One fellow (apparently inebriated) took to dancing on the front table during the first song. However, due to a loss of motor control, he stepped on the corner of the table and went flying — his beer splashing all over the place. It was quite a classic moment. I was surprised that the band managed to continue playing without laughing their heads off.

The Purple Groove Monsters' material is pretty raunchy with strong bottom end bass (Aran McKittrick) and drums (Mike Peck) coupled with almost out of control guitar (Paul Smith) and violin (Paul Nimmon). Paul Smith also provides the vocals which range from lowkey to very aggressive.

The overall sound is very powerful and the "thrashy" grooves are inventive and infectious. Catch this band whenever possible and pick up their tape, if only to support some great local talent.

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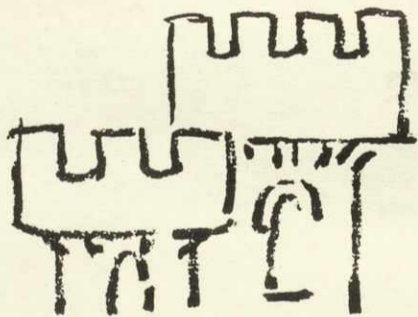
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LW	TW	C	ARTIST	TITLE	LABEL
-	1		Rollins Band	The End of Silence	Imago/BMG
2	2	C	Various	Hear and Now	DTK/CKDU-FM
1	3	C	Eric's Trip	Warm Girl	Independent
8	4		Bad Religion	Generator	Cargo
6	5	C	Various	Last Call	ZULU
10	6	C	Various	Highway 61	Capitol
9	7		Big Star	A Little Big Star	Ryko/Denon
25	8		Ride	Leave them All Behind	Warner
13	9		Disposable Heroes	Hipocrisy is the Greatest Luxury	Island
17	10	C	Crashpad	Green Eggs and Ham	Crashpad Records
-	11	C	Bob Wiseman	Presented by Lake Michigan Soda	WEA
11	12		Sugarcubes	Stick Around for Joy	Warner
21	13		PIL	That What is Not	Virgin
35	14		David Byrne	Uh-Oh	Sire/Luaka Bop
3	15		Hole	Pretty on the Inside	Caroline
4	16	C	Various	Mass Turbulance	Independent
-	17		Sister Double Happiness	Hey Kids	Warner/Reprise
15	18	C	Purple Groove Monsters	Maximum Lounge	Independent
18	19		Ani Difranco	Not so Soft	Righteous
12	20	C	Skinny Puppy	Last Rights	Nettwerk
-	21	C	Oliver Jones	Lights of Burgundy	Justin Time
-	22		Various	Reggaespanol	Columbia
-	23		Teenage Fan Club	Bandwagonesque	MCA/DGC
-	24		John Prine	The Missing Years	Stony Plain
34	25	C	Asexuals	Exile from Floontown	Cargo
-	26	C	Sheila Gostick	Famous in Winnipeg	Independent
37	27	C	Cowboy Junkies	Black Eyed Man	BMG
-	28	C	Death and Horror Inc.	Machine Altar Transmissio	Fringe
-	29	C	Barenaked Ladies	Barenaked Ladies	CBC
7	30	C	Cheese Ranch	Million, Cass. Single	Independent
-	31	C	Shadowy Men On a...	Dim the Lights, Chill the Ham	Cargo
-	32		Michelle Shocked	4 song e.p.	Polygram
27	33		Ed's Redeeming Qualities	It's All Good News	Flying Fish
38	34	C	k.d. lang	Ingénue	Sire/Warner
-	35		Molodoi	En Avant	Cargo
-	36	C	La Bolduc	Heritage Quebecois	MCA
-	37	C	Mecca Normal	Orange	Harriet
-	38		John Zorn	Film Works	Elektra
-	39	C	Skaface	Mamooska	Skaface Records
-	40		Cave Dogs	Soul Martini	Capitol

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