## Have fun with Trio and Error

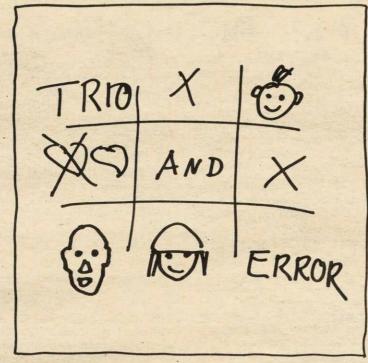
by David Lutes

At first listen, Trio and Error, seemed to be just a mildly infectious album of stripped-down rock. I soon caught myself humming one of the memorable little tunes or chuckling over a slightly bizarre lyric or two. And that's when Trio's appeal became apparent. This German group is not out to impress anyone, they just want to show us how to have fun.

Anyone who remembers the group's first smash hit "Da Da Da-I Don't Love You, You Don't Love Me" already has an idea of Trio's sound: it's a deceptively simple minimalist style. But the songs on Trio and Error, the group's second major North American release, range over surprisingly broad terrain. Though they key elements are basic (the monotonal vocals and toy synths of Stephan Remmler on top of Kralle Krawinkel's buzzing guitar and the basic bangbang of Peter Behram's drums) the music is truly a diverse mix.

The music ranges from semiballads to out-and-out headbanging rockers. The album opens with the bright, poppy "Boom Boom", and energetic and amusing cut with wonderful guitar riffs. Along these lines we also get "Hearts Are Trump," "Drei Mann in Doppebert" with its weird random whistling and the primal "Anna-Letmeinletmeout," the follow-up single to "Da Da Da."

The pop rockers are the most prevalent sound on the album. But we also get a ballad-like "Bye-Bye" and the soul sounds of "Out In The Streets." These two are played off against the punk-up "Girl Girl Girl" and the truly vicious 'Ich lieb den Rock'n-'Roll." Then, just to be a little dif-



ferent, Trio throws in a hilarious version of Little Richard's "Tutti-Frutti" as well as "Tooralooralooraloo—Is It Old & Is It New" which sounds like some sort of Irish cowboy tune as sung by Bing Crosby. Then to show us their serious side, the final cut is the beautiful, dreamy "W.W.W.," a slowed-down acoustic number.

The best part about *Trio* and *Error* (and *Trio* themselves) is the

feeling of unrestrained spontaneity that fills the record. If you like what you heard with "Da Da Da," you're going to love this album. Whatever you do, though, don't write these guys off as a one hit wonder until you've heard *Trio and Error*.

For an in depth review of this album, listen to CKDU on Monday, January 16 at 8 o'clock.

## Is Nothing Saved?

Review by Fred Martin

Is Nothing Sacred? is the second release from the musical group calling themselves Lords of the New Church.

Like the group's debut record, the second effort aims to defy categorization by combining several popular themes prevalent in youth music culture today namely, sexism, occult interest, and teenage rebellion.

The problem is that the Lords are unable to compete with the high standards set by the likes of AC/DC, Judas Priest, Iron Maiden, Van Halen and many others.

As well, the sound isn't heavy enough to convey the depavity of the lyrics. When I listen to these types of verbal messages, I want a heavy—even evil—sound. The new wave influence has no place. Songs such as "Live For Today," "Bad Timing," and "Johnny Too Bad" are evil enough for my taste, but the music is a desperate failure.

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