

**Ceramic Hello...**

**To Burlington and back**



**Elliott Lefko**

"They're all rednecks in Burlington," says Brett Wickens, smartly attired in white dress shirt, grey slacks, and brand new running shoes. He is discussing his home town and its particular version of the young soul rebel.

"They've all got hair down to their waists," he continues, "they wear leather and hang out in the Burlington Mall, listening to AC-DA. And they harass me as being a punk."

Wickens smiles when he talks of Burlington as a source of inspiration for both The Spoons, a group he used to belong to, and Ceramic Hello, a new electronic-pop duo he recently formed with fellow keyboardist Roger Humphreys who've just released

a debut album titled *The Absence of a Canary*.

In addition to being home of the official Martha Lady fan club, Burlington is also the home of the Mannequin Records, the fiercely independent label run by Paul

Abrahams. In its first year of operation they have released The Spoons' first single, Ceramic Hello's album, and a single by Kinetic Ideals, Wicken's current favourite band.

Besides playing keyboards, singing and composing most of the songs on *Absence*, Wickens took care of the album cover design and photography. He is a freelance graphic designer presently working on the jacket for the upcoming Spoons debut album on Rocket Records.

Wickens' split from The Spoons last November paved the way for the formation of Burlington's second 'new wave' band, however the ex-Spoon is quick to shout down the theory that the citizens of Burlington or anywhere else for that matter will soon be dancing in the streets to the sound of Ceramic Hello-live.

"We never will play live," he promises. "There are no venues we particularly want to play."

Instead, through restrained, intelligent promotion and distribution by Mannequin they hope to make the record available "to all the people who need it."

This summer it's bye, bye, Burlington as Wickens, Humphreys, and Abrahams fly off to Great Britain to taste its rich musical and cultural treasures. An absence the citizens of Burlington won't be bereaving.

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The line-up looks like this:

7:30-Silent Partner

9:30-Werner Herzog's *The Great Ecstasy of Woodcarver Steiner*

10:30-A Boy and His Dog  
'Round Mid-nite-Frank Capra's *Meet John Doe*

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