

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ...

Moe Berg may not be a licensed psychiatrist but his music certainly puts you in touch with your emotions, especially those of the heart. With The Wonderful World of The Pursuit of Happiness, Berg tried to create an album that the listener would be able to appreciate in one sitting. Well, he has succeeded and the listener wins, big time. Each song smartly blends into the next, the sounds and themes connecting to make a very unique

However, the album isn't an overly produced affair. The guitars are given free reign and songs such as "She's The Devil" and "Carmalina" are kept in sharp focus. The tunes, as usual, are mostly about the discoveries in, and dangers of, relationships. But Berg does it so ingeniously that his songs are never redundant. The bouncy, bubbly love-like feel of "I Like You" and "I'm Just Happy To Be Here" are classic Berg. The lyrics to "The Truth," perhaps the best track, denote the humorously ironic aspect of every break-up with the repeated chorus of "I hated you first." A couple of tracks are too slow and mellow, but the majority of the album, which was also co-produced by Berg, truly is the wonderful world of The Pursuit

raising campaign.

· PETER J. CULLEN



VARIOUS ARTISTS MACRO DUB INFECTION VOLUME TWO

I'm not quite sure how to take this collection of Euro-techno/dance music. On the one hand I do like techno, trance and surreal music, even if a lot of it sounds repetitious. However, a lot of the tracks from this second volume sound too repetitious and bland. This is a conglomeration of European artists who present a rather psychedelic headtrip through electronic instrumentation, remixing and soundbytes. The music is not meant to be listened too in any "relaxing" atmosphere, and more properly belongs in raves and really hard-core dance clubs.

The first disc of this two disc exchange doesn't really leave all that much to be desired, but the second disc comes through somewhat better. The music is a barrage of techno-inspired sound, laced throughout with elements of hip-hop, tribal beat, reggae, and latin rhythms. It's really difficult to pinpoint exactly what it is about this CD that just doesn't present a lively and energetic ination of catchy music. For the most part, out of the twenty-four tracks, only six really made me sit up and take notice. The rest just gave me a headache.

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The past, present and future of country music can be summarized with one name: Johnny Cash. After the extraordinary success of 1994's

American Recordings, The Man In Black is back again with a full complement of popular musicians and an album packed with several timeless tunes. However, Cash certainly gets hip as he croons out the album's opener, "Rowboat," which was penned by Beck. He even tears into Soundgarden's "Rusty Cage," an incredible version that has to be heard to be believed.

Cash's backing band for Unchained is none other than Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers, who add their own distinctive sounds to classics such as "Sea of Heartbreak," "Memories Are Made Of This" and "I've Been Everywhere."

Cash steps into a pseudo-country mode for the majority of the album, but credit mastermind producer Rick Rubin yet again for helping in crafting Cash's style and injecting him back into

Although Cash's voice is strained on a couple of tracks, he hasn't sounded this powerful in years. And while Unchained contains only three songs that Cash has written himself, including a new version of "Mean Eyed Cat," he makes every song • JETHELO E. CABILETE sound like his own - the sign of a true artist. And

that ability should soon propel Johnny Cash's opularity into yet

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WHITNEY HOUSTON THE PREACHER'S WIFE

Exhale, which featured some songs from White

to the success of that soundtrack. Now with the

presentation of the movie The Preacher's Wife.

Houston once again is in the dual scene of film

The soundtrack runs true to the form of the

movie's inspirational "feel good" theme. In this, Houston is in her element; the songs found in The Preacher's Wife hearken back to her gospel

roots. It boasts music produced by Annie

Lennox, Babyface and Diane Warren, alongside

two traditional songs, "The Lord Is My

Shepherd" and "Joy To The World." Joining

the Georgia Mass Choir, her husband Bobby

Brown, Faith Evans, Johnny Gill, Shirley Caesar

and Monica and Ralph Tresvant. One song, a breathtaking rendition of "The Lord Is My

Shepherd," was sung by Whitney Houston's mother, Cissy Houston, and the Hezekiah

Walker Choir. The instrumental feel to this

soundtrack was nicely done, and the vocal

abilities of Whitney Houston and company lent

themselves to the gospel quality. If you like

gospel, these songs present a nice

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It seems that Whitney Houston is finding a What happens when you combine both comfortable niche in the film industry as well music and hockey? as the music industry. The success of Waiting to You get the Hanson Brothers' - the alterego of hardcore survivors NoMeansNo -Houston alongside other musical divas such as Brandy, Mary J. Blige and Aretha Franklin, led

HANSON BROTHERS

SUDDEN DEATH

Hanson Brothers are a distant cousin of the famous Hanson Brothers from the movie Slapshot. Sudden Death is an album about hockey, beer, and girls combined to be a rather

new punk rock album Sudden Death.. The

amusing album. The Hansons begin with their version of Stompin' Tom Connors' classic "The Hockey Song." It is a modern approach that is intended to capture the excitement and emotion of a live hockey game. Personally I prefer Connors' traditional

version of the song. The next song "Stick Boy" is a heartrending lament of a kid who just wants to play, to show off his stuff, but gets no respect. Yet he hopes that someday he will get a chance to throw down the towels and waterbottles, leap over the boards, and

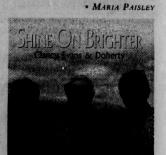
show them that he can play. Not all the songs are about hockey. For example "We're Brewin'" is a bouncy tune about home brewing. "Can't Hide the Heino" is a sad story of a German boy discovered having the ultimate musical bad

The Hansons salute hockey's enforcers with "Third Man In." They follow it up

with the heartbreaking "Danielle (She Don't Care About Hockey)," in which a guy has to make a decision about his girlfriend or hockey. The tragic 'Never Forget Her" is when he

has to live with his decision. "Rink Rat," for those who know everything and everyone at the game, is the ultimate

The album is for those who like both hockey and punk rock music. A rather amusing album that is certainly good for a few



SHINE ON BRIGHTER

If you like Celtic/folk music then this is a good album to add to your collection

There is a good mix of wellknown songs and new songs on the album. There are a number of remakes such as Ian Tyson's "Four Strong Winds" and Ron Hynes' "Sonny's Dream" that are popular on both sides of the

There are three traditional songs found on the album -Farewell to Nova Scotia, Peter

Emberly and Tickle Cove Pond. The only song that I didn't like was their rendition of Farewell to Nova Scotia," which is the slowest version that I have heard. Their version is sung as a ballad with the idea that "the anthem-like qualities of the song really stand out," as is stated in the album notes. I think that it does stand out but the song has more of a funeral pace than the normal footstomping pace.

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