

Arts & Entertainment

Have 100% Fun While Stomping Frogs In The Garden

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Yes, I'm back with another comprehensive CD review. This month, I'll be reviewing Silverchair's "Frogstomp", Matthew Sweet's "100% Fun", and Michael Nesmith's "The Garden".

Silverchair debuted on the music scene last year. Their debut CD, "Frogstomp", has risen in popularity ever since its release. The music contained within this CD can be classified as alternative rock. The CD itself starts off well, then slows down, but finishes nicely. For a debut, it's pretty good. Featured tracks include: "Israel's Son", "Suicidal Dream", "Madman", and "Findaway". Oddkid rating: 5

Matthew Sweet, however, is not a newcomer to the music world. His flavor of music has appeared on soundtracks such as "Young Einstein" and "Buffy the Vampire Slayer". His newest album, "100% Fun" is great. It has a good consistency throughout, and the track "Everything Changes" is similar to R.E.M.'s style of music. Featured tracks include: "Sick of Myself", "Not When I Need It", "We're The Same", and "Everything Changes". Oddkid rating: 8

Since 1970, Michael Nesmith has released nearly twenty original albums, and "The Garden" is his newest release. It comes with a book, and you read the book while you listen to the CD for an unique experience. This is often referred to as "media plus one". This instrumental CD is a sequel to an earlier book/soundtrack work written in 1974 entitled "The Prison". The book and the music are written and composed by Michael himself, and each song flows nicely into the next. This album was nominated for a New Age Grammy award, and rightly so. Featured vocal track: "Life Becoming". Oddkid rating: 10

This wraps up yet another CD Review. Have a great summer, and wherever you go, don't forget to take the music!



Poetry Corner

I'm just kinda lost,
Floating around in space,
Waiting to blow this popsicle stand.
My body is here but my mind is gone.
Fatigue has taken over my system,
My eyes want to close
And remove my thoughts on life.
My existence is getting monotonous
I wish to be free.
The world is caving in around me
Everything's gone crazy.
Everyone's thinking strange thoughts.
I search the decades of rock-n-roll.
So much has changed,
Yet it remains the same.
There's a message in every song
If you take the time to listen.
Maybe I should get myself to a coffeehouse
Before my whole world explodes.

Broken Again

*I felt my heart shatter
into a thousand fragments,
and the wind swept them
away, far apart from each
other, so they could not
combine to form my
heart again.*

Poems written by RLP

Look What's On Exhibit Now

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The Health Adventures

Water Wonders is on exhibit through May 1996. The exhibit was designed and built by Discovery Place in Charlotte. The exhibit displays how water is separated into hydrogen and oxygen and then put back together with a big "Bang". \$3.00 admission. Health adventure is located at Pack Place in Asheville.

Mystic Eye

The Mystic Eye is currently featuring the works of John Martin and the paintings of Stephanie Tenery. For information call 251-1773.

The Goddess Store and Gallery

Located in Asheville, the works of Eliza Hafer are exhibited. Her show is titled "Exploring and Honoring Women's Spiritual Journeys." For information call 258-3102.

The Captain's Bookshelf

Located in downtown Asheville, the two and three dimensional mixed media works of Terry Taylor are exhibited. Titled "Tokens of Affection-Objects of Devotion," the work is now on display. For more information call 253-6631.

Brevard College

Simms Art Gallery will present the work of Heidi Zelnick, a mixed media artist. The exhibit will open on May 3 with a reception at 7 pm. The exhibit will run through June 28th.



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