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J.G. THIRLWELL PRESENTS FOETUS "LOVE"



J.G. Thirlwell presents Foetus "LOVE" Brand New LP with bonus DVD on 5/24/05

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The inscrutable J.G. Thirlwell was dropped on this planet some time ago to bestow sonic majesty, chaos, violence & beauty and cunning linguistics on an unsuspecting earth.

A Brooklyn based Australian ex-pat, Thirlwell has used many names for his many visions: Foetus (and its many name variations), Steroid Maximus, Clint Ruin, Wiseblood, DJ OTEFSU, Manorexia and Baby Zizanie.

His multitude of influential recordings under the name FOETUS and

variations thereof (including Scraping FOETUS off the Wheel, the FOETUS all-nude revue, FOETUS inc etc.), has amassed a rabid worldwide cult following. Over the course of more than a dozen albums he has stretched from yearning orchestral soundscapes, meticulously organized chaos, electronic swathes, blistering big band pastiche, crunching hard rock and even inventing stupefying collisions of genres and forms with a raw emotion and irresistible musicality.

His instrumental Steroid Maximus project contains JGT's cinematic styling of encompassing haunting soundscapes, twisted neo-blaxploitation, spy/crime noir-intrigue, sinuous carnal funk, soundtracks of the unimagined and ethnic music from civilizations yet to be conceived, among other things! It was this project that led to his reimagining of this music to be played live by a nineteen-piece ensemble, including brass and string sections and concert percussion, with musical director Steven Bernstein.

As Manorexia, JGT exorcises even darker instrumental inclinations over two self-released albums, "Volvox Turbo" and "The Radiolarian Ooze". Baby Zizanie, a collaboration with Jim Coleman, allowed him to explore improvisation and collaboration via laptop with visual backdrops on several European tours.

An accomplished remixer and producer, he's worked his magic on the likes of NIN, White Zombie, JSBX, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Coil and countless others. JGT has also worked in film and even voiceovers for MTV. His acclaimed graphic design appears on his sleeve as well as gracing several magazine covers and fine art lithographs. More recently JGT has also branched out into audio installations (the freq out project curate by CM Von Hausswolf, with whom he also conducted an audio workshop at the Stadelshule in Frankfurt), DJ-ing (as DJ Otefsu), has appeared in an opera (Der Kastanienball in Munich in 2004, directed by Stefan Winter), has scored a cartoon series for The Cartoon Network in the USA ("The Venture Brothers"), and recently completed a commission for Bang On A Can. In 2005 he will be writing his first commission for Kronos Quartet, which will premier in 2006.

Thirlwell's new album as FOETUS, entitled LOVE (the latest in his use of four-letter one syllable titles) will be accompanied by a DVD with videos directed by such notables as Karen O (of the YeahYeahYeahs), Kurt Ralske and Jeremy Solterbeck, among others. It is a sweeping dramatic epic drenched in harpsichord and orchestras with jarring left turns, bombast and seduction.

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LOVE may have you scratching your head at and perhaps praying for,
the person for whom this a perception of LOVE

LOVE is a sweeping dramatic epic drenched in harpsichord and orchestras and sound,
with jarring left turns and bombast, intensity and seduction.

LOVE is a startling immersive journey thru the sonic excitement of J.G.Thirlwell.

LOVE is the first release from Foetus in over three years and his strongest record in a career of groundbreaking, genre-busting dirty and blissful dark flourishing rock and electronics intensity. File under Mystery. This release goes WAYYYY beyond all past markers Foetus has set for the awaiting pack.

...all you need is LOVE

CD WITH DVD

*Full length DVD containing:

*3 videos from LOVE including "Blessed Evening" directed by Karen O (Yeah Yeah Yeahs) with director of photography SpikeJonze plus the "(Not Adam)" video directed by Jeremy Solterbeck.

*Classic early live footage

*Trailers of the J.G.Thirlwell-scored "Venture Brothers" (currently airing on Adult Swim / Cartoon Network)

*never before seen footage from the upcoming Foetus documentary

*ultra secret very hidden delights that are not available anywhere.

*and much more!

And EVEN MORE on LOVE, the CD:

*Featuring duet with Jennifer Charles of Elysian Fields

*Selected live dates featuring 18 piece band/orchestra

*J G Thirlwell has also been: Steroid Maximus, Clint Ruin, Manorexia, Wiseblood, Baby Zizanie, Flesh Volcano and many more.

*J.G.Thirlwell is currently working with Bang On A Can and Kronos Quartet