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**STEROID MAXIMUS  
ECTOPIA**

*Ipecac* ★★★★★

**Proto-industrialist back on form after  
conquering chemical demons and mental  
imbalance**

With his decade in the wilderness far behind him, JG Thirlwell has released three exceptional albums over the past year – *Flow and Blow* as Foetus and *Volvox Turbo* as Manorexia. Thirlwell's previous outings under his Steroid Maximus alias (1990's *Quilombo* and 1992's *Gondwanaland*) have a distinctly cinematic edge to them, and *Ectopia* doesn't stray from this. It's a meticulously organised collision of twisted Sixties spy themes, big band exotica, mutant bebop and punishing industrial noise terrorism. Awesome.

**Paul Johnson**

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