

STEROID MAXIMUS

Quilombo

(Big Cat)

Nothing could prepare you for this recent manifestation of J.G. Thirlwell. Here the many of many parts and styles and boundless energy creates at once a dreamy landscape and a litter strewn and graffiti sprayed urban nightmare scenario. He's helped by Hahn Rowe, Lucy Hamilton and others in a full band sort of thing. Again the wired swing punk thing is evident, very exuberant and just brilliant. It's sort of punk meets swing big band meets Eno in places. You never imagine just what's coming next. It's kind of subterranean but it's not homesick, though it may have the blues now and then. **RIGHTEOUS** is an indication of things, it's brief but incandescent as a monklike chorus broods in and out. All that and the snarl of Thirlwell and you have one heck of an out of the ordinary disc. For those of a more adventurous persuasion.

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