



THE IMPOSSIBLE SHAPES

WE LIKE IT WILD

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1. Give Me A Note 2. The Perfect Timing 3. She Let Run 4. We Like It Wild 5. Sharing Our Space 6. What About the Other Side 7. To Be Wild 8. You Are Not the Target 9. Breathing In The Burning Room 10. Birds 11. What the Winter Does 12. Naked Bull Rush 13. It's Hard to Lose A Member 14. Lovers Living Uphill

Having been together since their teenage years, the Impossible Shapes recorded their first hundred or so songs to four-track cassette, naturally coming into their own voice as a band and developing a hunger for a more conventional recording studio environment. For *We Like It Wild*, their fourth proper full-length, the band ventured to the wooded Indiana hills of Monroe County. Surrounded on three sides by a few thousand acres of Indiana State Forest lies Farm Fresh Studio. With **Chris Barth** as primary songwriter, the Shapes' fascination with "the other side" of the hum-drum routine of modern life comes to the fore. And Farm Fresh is the perfect environment for a band who would have been just as well at home on **Vashti Bunyan's** cart-ride across England's country-side, hoofing it during the day, setting up camp at night, chasing dogs and smoking tea into the dreamscape. During the session, this wayward band frequently lost themselves in the forest before returning to the converted barn for tracking. The end result is this incredible satellite transmission from the other side as only the Impossible Shapes know it. With alternating lead guitars, the band recalls the urban paranoia of **Television** and the forlorn southern gothic of **Derek & the Dominoes** with Barth's fey **Donovan**-esque voice sounding as though it's coming from across the Atlantic. All the while they maintain the urgent bounce of early **R.E.M.**

As any Hoosier who's seen them live would attest, the Impossible Shapes are at the top of the heap of Indiana's new wave. Reared on healthy doses of the melancholy art pop of Indianapolis' **Marmoset** and **United States Three**, and - having grown up only a few short hours from Dayton, Ohio - **Guided By Voices**, **the Breeders** and **Swearing at Motorists**. A true ensemble band with revolving instrumental duties, the band features Barth, **Aaron Deer**, **Jason Groth** and **Mark Rice** and have honed themselves into quite the rhythm section over the years, pulling duty in such bands as **John Wilkes Booze** and **Songs: Ohia**, among others.

The vinyl for *We Like It Wild* is being released by Atlanta-based label The Great Vitamin Mystery.

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Selling Points:

1. Fourth album by hard-working band whose members play in **Songs: Ohia** and **John Wilkes Booze** and have toured extensively with both bands.

2. Starry-eyed rockers are in vogue once again. For fans of **My Morning Jacket**, **Circulatory System**, **Guided By Voices** and **Snowglobe**.



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