



CASTANETS CATHEDRAL

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Cathedral, the first nationally released album by San Diego's Castanets, introduces a unique new voice of avant-country. The core of the Castanets is the lyrical and musical talent of Raymond Raposa. With help from some of the finest of the San Diego music scene, including members of Black Heart Procession and Asthmatic Kitty's own Liz Janes, the Castanets create music that is epic and inspiring. From somber love ballads to haunted tales of frustrated redemption, the delivery is potent and devoid of cliché or sentimentalism. Echoes of the Velvet Underground, No Neck Blues Band, and the delta blues harness a strain of ancient Americana that even today pulses through a subdivided and paved landscape; the result is what Raposa calls "derailed country psychedelia." Backed by the enchanting angelic voice of newcomer Bridgit DeCook and recorded mostly in a secluded cabin in the northern California woodlands, Cathedral illuminates architecture where faith and doubt clash in an often ambiguous search for the divine.

Presently Raposa is writing a novel that will expand on the themes of Cathedral. The Castanets have shared bills with the likes of Six Organs of Admittance, Hella, Rob Crow, Acid Mother's Temple, and The Dirty Three.

For fans of: the Psych Folk underground, Gene Clark, mid-seventies Bob Dylan, Maquiladora

Track Listing:

- cathedral 2 (your feet on the floor sounding like the rain)
- just to break free from a hundred families
- industry and snow
- you are the blood
- no light to be found (fare thee well faith, the path is yours)
- three days, four nights
- as you do
- cathedral 3 (make us new)
- the smallest bones
- we are the wreckage
- cathedral 4 (the unbreaking branch and song)

"[Castanets will] spirit you off to other plains of deconstructionist country rock existence" – Fahrenheit



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