

GARY B & THE NOTIONS "GET THOSE CRAZY NOTIONS" CD



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TRACK LISTING:

1. Wear The Ring
2. Partridge Vs. Maggie
3. I Got A Car
4. Taller Than A Human
5. Necessary Drag
6. The Exercise Song
7. Lori

FEATURE QUOTES:

"When I first popped in Get Those Crazy Notions!, I was pretty sure I was listening to Elvis Costello back before he was doing cameos in Will Ferrell movies. More like circa My Aim Is True...or This Year's Model, Costello's first album with The Attractions than Talladega Nights..."

— (Any Given Tuesday)



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ARTIST BIO:

GARY BARRETT, JR. is no new face to the Baltimore indie scene. Over the last six years under the stage name **Your Imaginary Friend**, he's hand distributed several thousand copies of three entirely DIY full lengths and done literally hundreds of solo performances, including opening slots for such diverse artists as **Sufjan Stevens, The Hold Steady, Of Montreal, Dismemberment Plan, The Mountain Goats, Spank Rock**, as well as his favorite songwriter, **Franklin Bruno**. Those in the know will tell you about their favorite Gary B song and which ex-girlfriend they put it on a mixtape for. Or about Spring 2004 when for three solid months Gary's answering machine featured a new song composed that morning.

DESCRIPTION:

After years of playing solo, Gary assembled a backing band in October 2004 to showcase his 150+ song catalogue. Gary had known producer/bassist Kris Heath and drummer Paul Turowski a while from their playing with the pop orchestra **Callow**. Three guitarists later (including Bryan Elliott of **Liars Academy**), the **Notions** lineup solidified with the addition of former **Motio** guitarist Tim Sullivan.

Since that time, **Gary B & the Notions** have proceeded to perform as much as possible in the Mid-Atlantic region, including opening slots for a slew of national artists including Elf Power, Now It's Overhead, Peelander-Z, Liars, Rainer Maria, Pleasure Forever, Palomar, the Oranges Band, Ethel Meserve, Head of Femur, Atom and His Package, Wires on Fire, CEX, Bishop Allen, Q and not U, Two If By Sea, the Natural History, Judd and Maggie, Tristeza, K. (Ida), Onlinedrawing, Engine Down, Lovelife, Company, Regulator Watts, Milemarker, J-Roddy Walston and the Business, Franklin, Entrance, the Great Unraveling, El Guapo, GoGoGo Airheart, the Apes, Lightning Bolt, Hal Al Shedad, Charm City Suicides, Canyon, Lying In States, and many other great bands.

By the beginning of 2006 a release was long overdue, and so the guys set out to record. *Get Those Crazy Notions!* was completed in December. Reminiscent of early **Elvis Costello** and **Jonathan Richman's** best solo work, the EP features seven dynamic songs culled from two years of set lists, including the rollicking "Partridge vs. Maggie," the introspective "Necessary Drag," and the spellbinding "Lori."

Now that *Get Those Crazy Notions!* is under their belt, the band is already looking to the next album and beyond. "Gary and I work well together," says Heath. "We're having fun, and we plan to finish a record every year that we're doing this." With upcoming shows in the works for NYC, Philadelphia, Richmond, and southward towards Athens it looks like The Notions have another busy year ahead...

SELLING POINTS:

- Gary Barrett has been a fixture of the Baltimore music scene since his high school days in the early 90's, and is widely recognized as one of the most gifted singer/songwriters in the area. A variety of prominent local artists are huge fans of his writing (among them **Oranges Band** frontman Roman Kuebler and multi-instrumentalist Chris Freeland (**Oxes/Papa M/Frenemies**)). Several have recorded covers of his songs over the last decade, most notably **Water School**, whose version of "Three Horse Carousel" is in regular rotation on regional commercial rock radio and satellite radio.
- A full press campaign is underway; the band was recently featured in a November 2006 edition of *Baltimore Sun*, and on a variety of buzz-blog sites such as *Any Given Tuesday*. Recent live-on-the-air sets have included tastemaker WFMU (New Jersey), KDU (Philly), WMUC (College Park, MD), & WWHS (Hampden-Sydney, VA).
- In addition to his guitar playing and singing, Gary is known nationally for his work since the early 90's as a drummer who has recorded and performed with **the Goldbug**, singer-songwriter **Chris Myers**, and with the group **Motio** (their semi-legendary s/t CD release is being reissued on Morphius nationally the same day as this *Notions'* release).

RIYL:

Elvis Costello, Jonathan Richman, Ted Leo, XTC