

Brand new CD's: a review

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The Baby Animals

Australia has contributed many great bands to the music world. Along with INXS and Midnight Oil, there is also Baby Animals. Their second release, *Shaved and Dangerous*, features a variety of sounds.

"Don't Tell Me What To Do" and "Be My Friend," are rock ballads, while "Buputa" takes on a funk rhythm.

Suze DeMarchi's vocals range from a sweet whisper to a fast-paced chant and a well-controlled shout. "Because I

Can" is co-written by Nuno Bettencourt of Extreme, who plays acoustic guitar on the track as well.

Although there is significant diversity throughout the album, the songs really do work together. We are left in anticipation as one

song ends and another begins, never knowing what to expect. The entire album definitely appeals to a wide listening audience... rock, alternative, adult contemporary.

This is one that you really must listen to from start to finish.

Its intensity will blow you away.

The Thrill Kill Kult

They've been called dark and Gothic as well as poppy disco. The Thrill Kill Kult has released album No. 4, *13 Above the Night*, and it mixes the best of all adjectives. Like its predecessor, *Confessions of a Knife*, the songs are dark, yet danceable.

"The Velvet Edge" and "Badlife" are perfect examples of this concept. Using samples throughout each song, there is also a strong resemblance to 1991's *Sexplosion!* which gave MLWTTKK much attention with their single "Sex On Wheelz."

Along with the electric sounds of guitars and keyboards, this Chicago-based band has added a real percussionist (the drums have always been pre-recorded).

13 Above the Night is a return to the early Thrill Kill Kult sound. Some tracks sound a little bit more disco-y than previous songs, but not to fear, the band is still as great as it's always been. Check this one out.



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