



THE MONOCHROME SET

Fabula Mendax

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At the end of the 70s, The Monochrome Set were part of the first wave of 'post punk' bands. Right from the beginning, the band earned a solid reputation as purveyors of fine pop, gaining praise from 80s contemporaries such as Morrissey and Edwyn Collins. Importantly, in later years this praise has continued with artists such as Franz Ferdinand, The Divine Comedy and Graham Coxon, all citing the band as a key influence on their own work. The Monochrome Set sound has often been described as 'timeless', and that alone explains why, over the years, the band has continued gaining admirers.

"Fabula Mendax" is based on manuscripts written in the 15th Century by Armande de Pange, a companion of Jehanne d'Arc (Joan of Arc).

Follow Armande as she flees her unhinged family, only to be caught up in the chaos of The Hundred Years' War. She encounters and trails the enigmatic Joan, later becoming a part of her expanding group of followers. As they travel west into the war zone of Northern France, they meet a motley medley of scheming noblewomen, bellicose knights, nefarious bishops, and assorted rotters, rogues and renegades.

This is The Monochrome Set at its most ornate, and, much like Joan of Arc's ensemble, features a myriad of fiddlers, pluckers, beaters, tinklers and wailers, surrounding a central core of notorious crackpots.

The hauntingly melodic pop harks back to the early TMS period of "Eine Symphonie Des Grauens", but is now complemented by a (periodically unemployed) vampire's orchestra, whose cha-cha-chnel chiming careens into carnal rhyming chanting, while saints and demons trip lightly across the slick red fields of liberty.

As with all TMS albums, "Fabula Mendax" is at once accessible and arcane, upbeat and dark, lush and spare, and with lyrics that as ever remain tantalisingly opaque.

The Monochrome Set on tour:

21/09/2019 GR Athens, AN Club
28/09/2019 UK London, The Lexington
01/10/2019 DE Nuremberg, Kantine
02/10/2019 DE Karlsruhe, KOHI-Kulturraum
03/10/2019 DE Frankfurt, The Cave
04/10/2019 DE Reutlingen, franz.K
05/10/2019 DE Hamburg, Yoko
12/10/2019 UK Bristol, The Crofters Rights
25/10/2019 NL The Hague, Paard
26/10/2019 FR Paris, Petit Bain
02/11/2019 UK Hasting, The Printworks
08/11/2019 JP Tokyo, Shinjuku Marz

09/11/2019 JP Tokyo, Koenji High
23/11/2019 UK Oxford, The Jericho Tavern
14/12/2019 PT Coimbra, TAGV
01/02/2020 UK Norwich, Waterfront Studio
08/02/2020 UK Liverpool, Jimmy's
28/02/2020 UK Glasgow, Mono
29/02/2020 UK Dundee, Beat Generator
07/03/2020 UK Newcastle, The Cluny
11/04/2020 UK Manchester, The Deaf Institute
18/04/2020 UK Lewes, The Con Club
25/04/2020 UK Sheffield, Greystones
US tours in 2020

Tracklisting

1. Rest, Unquiet Spirit
2. Throw It Out The Window
3. My Little Reliquary
4. Eux Tous
5. Darkly Sly
6. Summer Of The Demon
7. I Can't Sleep
8. Come To Me, Oh, My Beautiful
9. Sliding Icicle
10. La Chanson De La Pucelle



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