



RELEASE INFORMATION

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„Lots of people should be wondering, who the hell is Steven?“ runs an American press article before it reels off the truly diverse list of his activities. Firstly Steven is the one time boss of his own label SLABCO Records which has released, amongst other things, the much-acclaimed-in-the-US Volume All*Star as well as the first release of the band Sukpatch (before they were taken on by Grand Royal). He has also been pretty go-getting in the world of advertising, he's written the music for MTV, Saturn and Volkswagen ads (to name a few) and for the most part produced the music himself. Much appraised DJ performances aside, Steven is mainly the musician Steven. After performing in a number of bands (Land of the Loops, Modest Mouse, 764-Hero, Buckminster Fuzeboard, Explosion Robinson) his solo album, „Future Home of Burbank Elks“, first appeared on the Japanese label Apesounds.

A very special and purposeful lack of tension pervades Future Home Of Burbank Elks. His tracks seem to drift along at the pleasant pace of an afternoon stroll but without the customary collapse on a park bench half way. The relaxed moments of his songs are produced with a subtle mix of keyboard sounds and phased guitar. In the end these ten songs are reminiscent of a pleasant afternoon spent with the best of friends people – so it's not surprising that Steven invited a few friends along to the recording sessions. Money Mark is probably the most well known of these and contributes the keyboard parts for two of the songs.

The are echoes of Air, Elliot Smith, Beta Band and Stereolab. His personal air of dreamy melancholiness is reflected in his songs whilst his sweet psychedelic vocals really remind one of Ween. As Steven says himself: „I think that when I make music it's heading more toward people sitting around and feeling good instead of wallowing in sadness.“

TRACKLISTING

01. Kitkope
02. Compactandstylish
03. Magazines
04. Basechannel
05. Hobbylobby
06. 80 120's
07. Par Paint
08. High Tech Fade
09. Cookiekim
10. Fly Stassy

FEEDBACK

Boomcat.com: "A very special and purposeful lack of tension pervades the album, tracks seem to drift along at the pleasant pace of an afternoon stroll with a subtle mix of keyboard sounds and phased guitar."

Angyape.com (17. Jan. 2004): There's been a lot of slacker groups as of late, Steven is the finest by a mile. It takes a few listens to fully appreciate the album, but 'Future Home' is already a highlight of 2004..." – Andy Harrison