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**Music Review**  
**Death gives new life to Pixies' rock**



*Death to the Pixies*  
**The Pixies**  
 Elektra Records  
 ★★ (out of five)

"Yes, children," parents will say in the future, "there was a time when Frank Black, the artist formerly known as Black Francis, the artist formerly known as Charles Thompson IV, walked among us on the earth." Frank Black, singer, songwriter and real American genius behind the Pixies currently lives in outer space. From his star-lit vantage point, Black can look down upon the mortals spooking their way through the macabre Halloween season. Black has a special treat for the kids this year, and it happens to be a ghost story ...

It was a dark and stormy Monday night. *Death to the Pixies*, a 2-CD eulogy of the Pixies' sacred canon from 1987-1991, had quietly crept onto the shelves of the local record stores.

Black Francis left the Pixies to explore a solo career as Frank Black, where he penned songs such as "Czar," his bitter-sweet tribute to John Denver.

Less than one week after the release of *Death to the Pixies*, a plane in California crashed down from a Rocky Mountain high.

*Death to the Pixies* has plenty more ghosts in its

graveyard. Sure, the Pixies tore rock 'n' roll a new blow hole, drew the blueprints for grunge and launched a thousand bands, but they also stole from the best of them.

*Death to the Pixies*, with 17 tracks of "greatest hits" and 21 tracks of live performances, lays all the cards on the table.

The album opens with "Cecilia Ann," an innocent '60s surf tune so rocket powered it makes the Surftones original rendition look like a fizzy bottle rocket.

Frank Black created buzz-saw tone poems, yin and yang pop songs of the sacred and profane, the soft and hard, drawing inspiration from Salvador Dali films, his student exchange days in Puerto Rico and his Pentecostal upbringing.

His friend and lead guitarist Joey Santiago made even wank guitar seem sparse. Black's screaming vocals were angelically harmonized by Kim Deal on bass. David Lovering held it all together with precision drumming firing off like cannons on the 1812 Overture.

When the first piano was introduced, it blew the minds of the baroque harpsichord crowd because it could go from whisper to scream in half a heartbeat, like the human voice. The Pixies share these same dynamics. They made sforzando their calling card, laying the foundation for soft-verse, loud-chorus bands like Nirvana.

"Smells Like Teen Spirit" may owe more to the chorus of Boston's "More Than a Feeling," but without the Pixies, today's AlternaTeens© would have their bedroom walls covered with posters of Geddy Lee and Carl Palmer.

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**FAITH OF ANOTHER SORT**

The national organization 'Jews for Jesus' believes in Jesus as the Messiah, but still keeps Jewish traditions, holidays and customs

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Jesus was a Jew, and the New Testament is based on the premise that Jesus is the promised Messiah, which is the basic belief of Christianity. The Jewish faith does not recognize this belief, so when an organization emerges calling itself Jews for Jesus, confusion and controversy are inevitable responses.

Jews for Jesus began in September 1973 in the San Francisco Bay area. The organization has a staff of 140 people dispersed throughout nine countries with branches in 16 cities worldwide.

Susan Perlman, assistant to the executive director of Jews for Jesus, said the organization is not a church, but a group of Jews who believe Jesus is the promised Messiah.

"We believe Jesus died for our sins, rose from the dead and that by believing in him, we have eternal life," she said. "There are probably 50,000 Jews in the United States who believe in Jesus."

The word "Judaism" has two equally legitimate meanings: the Jewish civilization and Jewish religion. Members of Jews for Jesus consider themselves Jews, even though they believe in Jesus, because they were born Jews and because they continue in the Jewish traditions. Many celebrate Jewish holidays and practice Jewish customs.

But the theology behind Jews for Jesus represent mainstream Christian thought. Every person on the staff is a member of an evangelical congregation, and together they represent many denominations. Jews for Jesus missionaries are required to have the

same Bible training that would qualify them for service in most churches or foreign missionaries.

However, in the Concise Guide to Judaism, Roy A. Rosenberg writes that from the standpoint of Judaism, it is a great sin for a Jew to become an adherent of another religion.

"When a Jew does

ed by Abraham."

Rabbi Peter Tarlow of the Hillel Foundation, an organization for Jewish students at Texas A&M, said any time a Jew worships a human being, he ceases to be Jewish.

"Jews for Jesus is a contradiction of terms," he said. "It's the equivalent of Christians



so," he writes, "he abrogates the covenant that links him to his God and his people, the obligation that he and his descendants have to preserve the heritage initiat-

for Buddhism or scholars for ignorance."

Tarlow said Jews for Jesus is a group of Christians who are trying to convert Jews.

"This is a Christian organization that pretends to be Jewish," he said. "It's a marketing ploy. It's cult-like."

Perlman said there is nothing cult-like about Jews for Jesus. "We were born Jews and will die Jews," she said. "We are not ashamed of our Jewish identity, and we are also not ashamed of our faith in Jesus. Our name says it all. I would call that truth in advertising."

Perlman said believing in Jesus is one of the most Jewish things a person can do.

Jews for Jesus has mobile evangelical teams that tour the United States 11 months of the year using music, drama, literature distribution and visitation to spread their message to areas not covered by the established branches. Jews for Jesus produces a bi-monthly publication called *Issues* and a quarterly publication titled *Mishpochah Message*. Each is specifically designed to meet the needs of Jewish people who believe in Jesus.

Although Jews for Jesus takes great measures to convey their message to worldwide audiences, some Jewish people like Tarlow find their efforts offensive.

"Most Jews ignore it," he said. "It's kind of an insulting name. Most Jews for Jesus were never Jews."

Perlman said being Jewish is more than a manner of identity.

"It's being part of the people with whom God made covenants beginning with Abraham, Moses and David," she said. "We understand why some rabbis are less than enamored with us. But if they knew what we know about Jesus, they would be for Jesus too."

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