

Volume Control



311
Soundsystem
CD courtesy of Capricorn Records

311 has been around for quite a while and has pumped out a few CDs during their time. Their unique style brought them fame with the self-titled album in 1995, launching them to stardom. Sadly, though, their next album, *Transistors*, was a bit of a letdown. The new album, *Soundsystem*, seems to take from what made their famous self-titled album so original. In this album the band gets back to its rock roots while still experimenting with reggae and hip-hop.

Soundsystem seems to follow the Beastie Boys' *Hello Nasty* in making retro-analog sounds. But 311 does not do it nearly as much as the Beastie's did in *Hello Nasty*. *Soundsystem* has a tropical feel to it, which is typical, but more so than their previous albums.

311 fans should be greatly pleased with the new album. It can be put in the CD player and listened to from start to finish with the same satisfaction of taking a mini-vacation.

Soundsystem is a fun, original and stylish album that does not break new ground, but shows 311 full of talent and still one of the best rock/reggae/hip-hop bands around today. (Grade: B)

— Kyle Whitacre



Paula Cole Band
Amen
CD courtesy of Warner Bros.

Paula Cole has decided to change the artist title on her new album to the Paula Cole Band, possibly reflecting a change in her approach to music.

Amen is a very mellow and soothing album. The constant message heard throughout the record is for listeners to be aware of life and spirituality. "I Believe in Love," expresses the importance of experiencing life despite problems that occur in relationships. Cole sings, "I believe in love to be the center of all things."

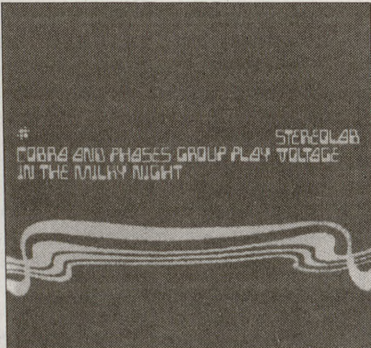
Some of the songs start to sound similar, probably due to Cole's constant references to unity and togetherness.

But Cole manages to sound intent on sending the message of making a difference in life with "Be Somebody."

She experiments with her voice and style of singing in "Rhythm of Life" featuring a rapping style that distinguishes the track from the rest of the album.

Amen is different from Cole's previous album. Apparently, she is currently on a spiritual journey that may or may not be appreciated, depending on the listener's tastes. (Grade: C+)

— Jeff Wolfshohl



Stereolab
Cobra and Phases Group
Play Voltage in the Milky Night
CD courtesy of Elektra, 1999

Releasing 10 albums over the course of nine years, Stereolab is on a melodic mission to revolutionize the art of sound. The band first formed in 1990 with French singer, Laetitia Sadier, and the British guitarist, Tim Gane.

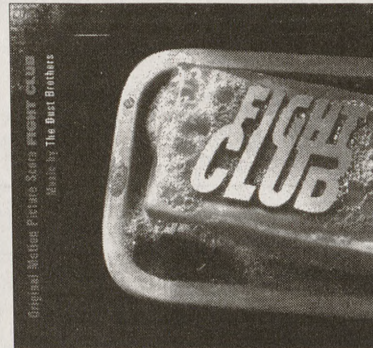
Only three years later, Spin Magazine labeled the band one of the "40 Most Vital Bands," after Lab's move off of their own label, Duophonic Super 45's, to Elektra. With their release of *Transient Random Noise Bursts with Announcements*, Stereolab gave birth to a staccato reverie unlike anything Brit-pop had ever experienced.

Stereolab's newest release, *Cobra Phases Group Play Voltage in the Milky Night*, is as randomly organized as the title of the album, though the eclectic web of noise is equally as intriguing.

Sadier's voice blends beautifully with the loop-dee-loop lush of the xylophone, horns and synthesizers, creating a lounge-pop anyone can cheerfully clean house to.

For a change of pace as sweet as Mary Poppin's "Spoonful of sugar," *Cobra and Phases* is the perfect sound-spice for any down-on-music doldrums. (Grade: B+)

— Heather Brondy



The Dust Brothers
Fight Club: Original Motion Picture Score
Restless Records

Not many artists have had quite an interesting career as The Dust Brothers. From producing such acts as the Beastie Boys to album soundtracks, The Dust Brothers — who are not actually brothers — are anything but the norm.

The entire soundtrack to the film *Fight Club* is a surreal, ambient experience that added greatly to the movie and makes a great album, as well.

The album follows the dark gritty nature of the film and has a boldly innovative style. Everything from electric guitar to elevator music is sampled to make the *Fight Club* soundtrack more of an experience rather than an album.

So many different styles and arrangements of music are done on this album, it can not be thrown into any other category but "cool music." The album does have a dark theme, but many of the songs sound very James Bond-like, giving the album a hip super-spy feel.

This album is a great break from all the genre-defined music being pumped out by record producers to teeny-boppers.

The *Fight Club* Soundtrack is totally original and entertaining, just like the film itself. (Grade: B+)

— Kyle Whitacre

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