

Various Artists: CBGB - A New York City Soundtrack 1975-1986

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"CBGB was a place for the dirty people." - Jimmy Destri of Blondie

"Afterwards, I took off and went crosstown to CBGB's, the stronghold of the unknown, to be with my own people." - Patti Smith. In December 1973 Hilly Kristal changed the name of his roots music bar from Hilly's on the Bowery to CBGB and altered his musical policy to hire mostly rock bands. He was indifferent to many of them ("No one is going to like you guys, but I'll have you back," he told Joey Ramone), blissfully unaware of how important his scruffy little club would soon become. In the span of only 15 months, the five groups that comprise the CBGB's pantheon all debuted: Television in March 1974, followed by Ramones in August and Blondie in October, then Patti Smith in February 1975 and Talking Heads four months later. Those five groups all quickly got record deals and became popular enough to outgrow CBGB's. By the fall of 1977, Smith was the only one who was still playing there. What succeeded the Big Five was an array of new and retro styles, all of which feature here: No Wave (Sonic Youth, Mars, DNA, Bush Tetras), post-punk (Ritual Tension, Unknown Gender, Khmer Rouge), mutant funk and R&B (James Chance & The Contortions, Mink DeVille), art-rock bands (R.L. Crutchfield's Dark Day, The Revelons, Erasers, Jeff and Jane Hudson) hardcore punk (Minor Threat, Bad Brains, Vatican Commandos, Beastie Boys), and lots of power pop (Sorrows, The dBs, The Rudies, The Miamis, The Paley Brothers) .

The club's best-known bands are present on this compilation but we've also revived interest in dozens of unfairly forgotten acts that, for a moment in time, made an album, EP, 45, or even a demo that crackled with innovation, wit, and joy. CBGB no longer exists, at least not in the physical plane, but what happened between those soot-filled, beer-stinking walls continues to reverberate around the world.

TRACK LISTING

DISC ONE

- 1 The Dictators - (I Live For) Cars And Girls
- 2 The Harlots of 42nd Street - S&M (I Can't Live Without You)
- 3 The Magic Tramps - S&M – Leather Queen

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- 4 Patti Smith - Free Money
- 5 The Brats - Be A Man
- 6 City Lights - Travelin' Man
- 7 The Hounds - Call Me (Previously unreleased on CD)
- 8 Erasers - It Was So Funny (That Song That They Sung)
- 9 Ramones - Beat On The Brat
- 10 Stuart's Hammer - Everybody's Depraved (Live at CBGB)
- 11 The Planets - Come On Up (Previously unreleased)
- 12 Milk 'N' Cookies - Not Enough Girls (In The World)
- 13 Just Water - They Live By Night
- 14 Television - See No Evil
- 15 Mumps - Crocodile Tears
- 16 The Heartbreakers - Born To Lose
- 17 Testors - You Don't Break My Heart
- 18 The Dead Boys - Ain't Nothing To Do
- 19 The Senders - You Really Piss Me Off
- 20 The Electric Chairs - Fuck Off
- 21 Marbles - Forgive And Forget
- 22 Cherry Vanilla - Hard As A Rock
- 23 Tuff Darts - Fun City
- 24 Talking Heads - A Clean Break (Let's Work) (Live)

DISC TWO

- 1 Suicide - Ghost Rider
- 2 Pure Hell - I Feel Bad
- 3 Helen Wheels - Room To Rage
- 4 Blondie - Picture This
- 5 Mars - Helen Forsdale
- 6 Come On - Don't Walk On The Kitchen Floor
- 7 Mink Deville - "A" Train Lady
- 8 The Heat - Instant Love (Previously unreleased on CD)
- 9 Genya Ravan - Aye Co'lorado
- 10 Theoretical Girls - Lovin' In The Red
- 11 Richard Hell & The Voidoids - The Kid With The Replaceable Head
- 12 The Stilletos - Pink Stilletos
- 13 The Paley Brothers - Baby, Let's Stick Together
- 14 Neon Leon - Rock 'n' Roll Is Alive (Previously unreleased on CD)
- 15 Revelons - The Way (You Touch My Hand)
- 16 New York Ni**ers - Just Like Dresden '45
- 17 L.O.K. - Fun House (Previously unreleased on CD)
- 18 Material - O.A.O.
- 19 The Laughing Dogs - I Need A Million
- 20 Shrapnel - Combat Love
- 21 Peroxide - Heart Disease
- 22 Student Teachers - Christmas Weather
- 23 Tom Verlaine - Breakin' In My Heart
- 24 Richard Lloyd - Number Nine

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25 James Chance & The Contortions Jailhouse Rock (Live at CBGB 1978)

DISC THREE

- 1 The Cramps - Garbage Man
- 2 The Dots - I Don't Wanna Dance (With You) (Previously unreleased on CD)
- 3 The Miamis - We Deliver
- 4 Model Citizens - Shift The Blame
- 5 The dB's - Black And White
- 6 The Rattlers - On The Beach
- 7 Love Of Life Orchestra - The Revolution Is Personal
- 8 Urban Verbs - Next Question (Previously unreleased)
- 9 Sylvain Sylvain - Teenage News
- 10 Stimulators - Loud Fast Rules
- 11 Tot Rocket And The Twins - Reduced
- 12 The Bongos - Telephoto Lens
- 13 Outsets - I'm Searchin' For You
- 14 Sorrows - Teenage Heartbreak
- 15 The Lounge Lizards - Do The Wrong Thing
- 16 Nervus Rex - There She Goes
- 17 The Cosmopolitans - Wild Moose Party
- 18 Polyrock - Your Dragging Feet
- 19 Lenny Kaye with The Lone Wolves - Child Bride (Previously unreleased on CD)
- 20 R.L. Crutchfield's Dark Day - Arp's Carpet
- 21 The Colors - Jealousy
- 22 TV Toy - (Don't Blame It On The) Weekend
- 23 DNA - Blonde Red Head
- 24 The Rudies- Sherri Goodbye
- 25 The Raybeats - Tight Turn
- 26 Phosphenes - Asexual (Previously unreleased on CD)
- 27 Minor Threat - Straight Edge

DISC FOUR

- 1 Bush Tetras - Things That Go BOOM In The Night
- 2 Human Switchboard - (Say No To) Saturday's Girl
- 3 Disturbed Furniture - Information *
- 4 The Necessaries - Back To You *
- 5 Chemicals Made From Dirt - Oriental Television *
- 6 China Shop - If It's New
- 7 James Blood Ulmer - Open House
- 8 Nihilistics - You're To Blame
- 9 Beastie Boys - Egg Raid On Mojo
- 10 The Individuals - My Three Sons (Revolve Around The Earth)
- 11 Rhys Chatham - Drastic Classicism (edit)
- 12 Unknown Gender - Boys-Girls (Radio) *
- 13 Khmer Rouge - Hinterland
- 14 Bad Brains - Banned In D.C.
- 15 Heart Attack - English Cunts
- 16 Outpatients - Fight

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17 Vatican Commandos - Housewives On Valium

18 Sonic Youth - The World Looks Red

19 Jeff & Jane Hudson - Operating Instruction

20 Glorious Strangers - Deception *

21 Nona Hendryx - Transformation

22 Reagan Youth - No Class

23 Rat At Rat R - Assassin

24 Ritual Tension - Social Climber

25 The Ordinaires - Grace

* Previously unreleased on CD