

The German double CD edition of *Lightbulb Sun* came and went although there are still some copies available at The Freak Emporium (see below). Similarly the *Recordings* album was a limited edition of 20,000 copies most of which are gone, but some remain at The Freak Emporium. New Porcupine Tree releases on the horizon include the CD version of the long deleted double 10" *Metanoia* (Delerium Records DELEC CD 079) which should be out by the time you read this. *Metanoia* is a collection of instrumental tracks and studio jams recorded in 1995-96 during the *Signify* Sessions and the CD includes two bonus tracks from the same sessions - "Door To The River" and "Insignificance" (both originally included on the insignificance cassette). Currently this album is only available mail order from The Freak Emporium at £12 plus postage.

Out in February 2002 is the long awaited *Stars Die -The Delerium Years 1991-1997* retrospective package. This was originally intended as a Delerium release but it is now coming out on K-Scope (Snapper Records). A double CD limited edition set it includes previously unreleased tracks such as the legendary "Men Of Wood" as well as "Signify II" "Phantoms", the full eight minute version of "Synesthesia" and assorted rare tracks and album cuts spanning the bands seven years with Delerium Records. Some tracks have been remixed for the project by Steven Wilson (note that no tampering, overdubbing or revision has taken place other than to improve the quality and depth of the mixes) and the package includes a 32 page booklet featuring - for the first time anywhere - a full history of Porcupine Tree drawn from interviews with band members. *Stars Die* can be pre-ordered from The Freak Emporium for £17 plus postage.

The track listing for *Stars Die -The Delerium Years 1991-97* is as follows :

CD1 - 1991-93 (72.00)

Radioactive Toy
Nine Cats
And the Swallows Dance Above the Sun
Nostalgia Factory
Voyage 34 (phase one 1998 mix)
Synesthesia (8 minute version) **
Phantoms **
Up the Downstair (2001 remix) **
Fadeaway (2001 remix) **
Rainy Taxi

CD2 - 1994-97 (74.00)

Stars Die *
The Sky Moves Sideways (phase one)
Men of Wood **
Waiting
The Sound of No-one Listening (2000 mix) **
Colourflow in Mind *
Fuse the Sky *
Signify II **
Every Home is Wired
Sever
Dark Matter

* not released on a PT album before

** previously unreleased

OTHER NEWS

Already available is the CD only album by Steven's IEM project, *IEM Have Come For Your Children*. Containing 72 minutes of continuous music drawn from studio reconstructions of improvisations recorded in 1999 it's a mind blowing space rock / kraut rock voyage ending with a piece for hammered dulcimer and mellotron! The album is extremely limited but is still available from The Freak Emporium at £11 plus postage. Expected in the near future is the CD version of IEM's *Arcadia Son*, the vinyl version of which has virtually sold out (although there are some copies left at The Freak Emporium). Both IEM's are released on Steven's new label Headphone Dust, which has been set up in conjunction with on-line record label Burning Shed. The CD issue of *Arcadia Son* will at first be exclusively available on the www.burningshed.com website but The Freak Emporium is also expecting stock in the near future.

In addition to his own projects and writing well over two albums worth of material for the next PT album, Steven has been very busy in the studio over the last 18 months producing the new CD by acclaimed UK Jazz musician Theo Travis, *Heart Of The Sun* and Anja Garbarek's *Smiling And Waving* CD for Virgin Records. Both are stocked by the Freak Emporium (collectors note that there is a Norwegian issue of *Smiling and Waving* features two bonus tracks including a version of the West Coast Pop Art Experimental Band's "I Won't Hurt You" with Steven on guitar). Steven has also been busy working with Aviv Geffen in Israel towards completing an album of melodic material under the name Blackfield. There are no release plans as there is no predicting when they will find time to complete the project, and it remains ongoing.

No-Man's *Lost Songs : Volume One* CDR is now available from either The Freak Emporium or www.burningshed.com as are a No Man *Radio Sessions* CDR and self-titled *Bass Communion* CDR of previously unreleased material from Steven's ambient alter-ego. The new No-Man album *Returning Jesus* is finally out on Third Stone and is available now from The Freak Emporium at £12 plus postage.

Swedish Doom Metal Gods Opeth have finally been getting the attention they deserve. The Christmas 2001 edition of Metal Hammer carries an interview with the band discussing the *Blackwater Park* album. Steven produced the critically acclaimed album which has now sold 100,000 copies world-wide and looks set to be in most metal publication's end of year charts. Steven, who is interviewed in the magazine, describes *Blackwater Park* as "one of the greatest metal albums ever". Anyone curious can purchase a copy at The Freak Emporium at £13 plus postage.

Richard Barbieri has been busy programming sounds for the Pro 52 virtual synthesiser. This is a software-based version of the Prophet V; a synthesiser used extensively over the last 20 years. Anyone owning a copy of this virtual synth will soon be able to purchase or download 120 of his original patches. Watch www.porcupinetree.com for more details. Steve Hogarth's band (Ex-Marillion) featuring Richard Barbieri on keyboards, will be doing a few more concerts in January 2002. For more information on these shows, including the line-up and where to buy tickets, please visit www.stevhogarth.com

Thu 3 Jan 2002 - LA2 / Mean Fiddler - London - England

Fri 4 Jan 2002 - Paradiso - Amsterdam, Holland
tickets go on sale on November 10th

Sat 5 Jan 2002 - Le Café de la Danse - Paris, France
tickets are sale now!

Colin is working on a new Wise Head's album to follow up on the success of the first release. For those who have not heard the band Ex Wise Heads are a trio including Colin, Geoff Leigh (ex-Henry Cow) and Vincent Salzfaas. Their debut album *No Grey Matter* is a jazzy mixture of Middle Eastern musical styles that fan's of Gong and Didier Malherbe should check out. Available from The Freak Emporium at £12 plus postage.