

## BLACK POETS biography 2009

With a passing visual resemblance to 1950/1960s British rockers meets modern day New York vintage throwaways, Black Poets brings with them the appeal of boys in leather jackets, playing soaring early 80s style New Wave with guitars.

Interweaving the darkness of 80s postpunk and New Wave with traditional early 1980s New York City dance music in places, Interpol style vocals and conceptual monotone and soaring guitars gives Black Poets an exciting originality.

Although there is no doubt the New York sound forms a massive influence on the band, so is it true of melodic alt outfits such as Sweden's Lough and Kansas' The Appleseed Cast but with an edge of the sparkle of 80s British acts like Kitchens of Distinction and The Smiths. BP's long-player features 1980s influences married to contemporary indie production values.

Stephen J. Good's guitar leaves the listener not with the monotone cocktails of Lecain's structural guitar parts but with the virtuosity of more traditional old school acts such as Sabbath and Jeff Beck. It's this fusion that separates Black Poets from their contemporaries.

Black Poets are trying to cut an enormous sound through the terrain ahead of them. And having cut the record almost entirely using 70s and 80s analogue technology to remain authentic has given Black Poets some personal originality. There is no doubt that in Black Poets there is a bond between the band that somehow indefinably links each member to the others. The band's friendship, trust and confidence in each other is somewhat reassuring, with all members on completely the same wavelength.

The debut album "Innocents And Thieves" will be released in May 2009 and was produced and engineered by Pete Abbott (engineer Editors/Guillemots/Athlete/Spiritualized) and mastered by John Davis (U2/Led Zepellin/Bloc Party/Kaiser Chiefs).

The band will embark on a UK promotional tour in April/May 2009 and other live/festival dates throughout the year.

Black Poets are:

Stephen J. Good (Guitar)

Billy Randall (Bass)

Gerard Lecain (Vocals/Guitar/Songs)

Ben Mückenschnabl (Drums)

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