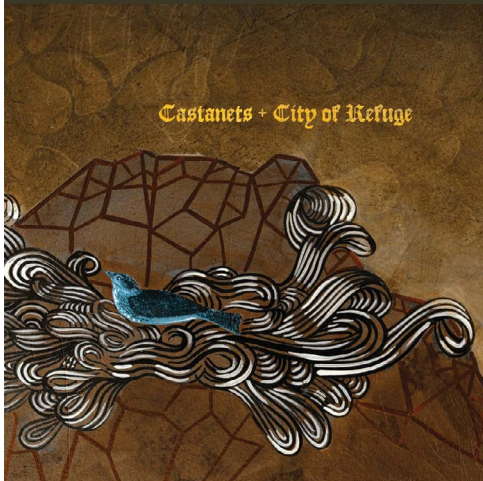


CASTANETS

CITY OF REFUGE



ARTIST: Castanets
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Largely recorded in a motel room in Overton, Nevada, *City of Refuge* is an uneasy, asymmetric weave of sung songs, chants, electronic noise solos and spaghetti-western guitar interludes. *City* suggests a film soundtrack, with overture, mood-setting and plot-development songs, intermission, character studies, and themes of resolution and reconciliation. A narrative propelled by yearning, passion, dislocation, ambiguity, regret, false redemption, possible true redemption, cryptic symbolism and other art film obligatories, this time you're liable to sit numb and silent through the credits as the theater empties. The difference between frontman Ray Raposa's landscape and more familiar backlot scenes might be this: you believe what you've heard and seen because your third ear intuits that he didn't contrive any of it. *City*, then, is no longer only music, but emotional catharsis, and we, too, long for a City of Refuge.

Tracklist

1. Celestial Shore - 1:02
2. High Plain 1 - 2:35
3. The Destroyer - 1:34
4. Prettiest Chain - 2:10
5. Refuge 1 - 3:57
6. The Quiet - 1:16
7. Glory B - 3:58
8. High Plain 3 - 1:30
9. I'll Fly Away - 1:24
10. The Hum - 1:06
11. Savage - 2:47
12. Shadow Valley - 5:56
13. High Plain 2 - 2:43
14. Refuge 2 - 4:59
15. After the Fall - 2:53

Selling Points

- Guest appearances by friends **Jana Hunter**, **Sufjan Stevens**, **Dawn Smithson (Jessamine, Sunn O))))**, **Scott Tuma (Souled American, Boxhead Ensemble)**, and co-producer **Ero Gray**.
- Former band members include **Annie Clark (St. Vincent)** and **Rob Lowe (Lichens)**.
- Castanets have toured internationally and will be extensively touring in support of this album.
- Radio campaign by **Chouette Promotion**.
- Press campaign by **Pitchperfect PR**.
- Packaging by artist **Gala Bent**.



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