

# THE MISTREATERS

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The Mistreaters played their first show on New Years Eve 1998 and haven't stopped drinking since. Within months, a stunning 4-song single on indie stalwart Big Neck Records had the 'treaters playing with the then-unknown White Stripes. They would end up accompanying the Stripes on most all of their Midwest jaunts before MTV caught wind of them.

It would be from 1999-2001 where the Mistreaters would become the house band at the venerable Cactus Club. Any band that came through on an off night or needed a boost in their Milwaukee attendance enlisted the help of these four cordial lads from the Beer City. The Dirtbombs, the Mooney Suzuki, Fireballs of Freedom, Royal Trux and the Makers all owe the Mistreaters a huge thanks. On top of that, the 'treaters acted as Japanese goodwill ambassadors on Gasoline's stateside trip of '01. Rumor has it that they translated "chicken strips" at every roadside stop.

Big Neck released the 'treaters debut album, "Grab them Cakes" in 2000 amidst rave reviews from drunks and geek record collectors worldwide. Praise came from as far away as the reclusive retired wrestler Junkyard Dog, who thanked the band for a sudden resurgence in his anonymity.

After appearing on a slew of compilations, the Mistreaters began their illustrious Estrus love tryst with the "Personal Space Invader" single in 2001. Hot on the tail of the Estrus single was the highly limited Wallace Brothers tribute seven-inch on Goodbye Boozy Records. Copies of that single have sold for as high as \$6 on eBay. A Christmas-themed single with the Von Bondies and Soledad Brothers made Jesus' birthday in 2001 a most joyous one.

"Playa Hated To The Fullest", their newest full-length, is their first on Estrus. Recorded at Jim Diamond's Ghetto Recorders in Detroit, where hits by such luminaries as the White Stripes, Mooney Suzuki and Dirtbombs have been put to tape, the Mistreaters are no exception to the golden touch that Mr. Diamond has exhibited over the past half-decade.

The Mistreaters will tour Europe in September and October 2003, and will conquer the US soon thereafter.

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