

BOAT RECORDS POP!s WITH KA-BOOM!BOX

Madison Punk Veterans Deliver Crossover Dance/Pop Synthesis
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MADISON, WI -- **Ka-Boom!Box** detonates their first EP, **POP!** Recorded with Coney Island's Wendy Schneider, **POP!** is an exuberant blend of reggae, electronica and afro-Caribbean grooves that sets carefully crafted songs against a wall of percussion and a swirling palette of rich synth and guitar tones. Created by a seasoned contingent of noted Madison and Chicago-based musicians, **POP!** recalls Bow Wow Wow, Steel Pulse, Lene Lovitch and Blondie.

Robin Davies (bass) and Dan Bitney (drums and percussion) recap their roles as the powerful rhythm section of Madison's mighty **Tar Babies**, a Midwest punk/funk success story who signed with **SST Records** and released the landmark *Fried Milk* in 1987. Dan Bitney now plays primarily with post-rock pioneers **Tortoise**, and Davies moonlights as the drummer for Madison rocker favorites **The Motor Primitives**. (The third member of the original Tar Babies, Bucky Pope, frequently guests live on the Ka-Boom!Box cover of Madonna's "Lucky Star.")

Adam Powell (keyboards, vocals, turntables), a veteran of Madison's **Cruel** and several San Francisco salsa bands, connected Laura Miller (vocals and melodica) and Eastside J-Dub (turntables and electronic drums) to Davies and Bitney. The group has quickly established themselves as a unique and electrifying presence on the party and DJ circuit, winning fans and rapidly ascending the club scene.

Rodney Anderson, who worked with Davies and Bitney in **Booty Froot**, joined in as guitar craftsman. Laying funk grooves against blistering solos, Anderson creates a thrilling counterpoint to the vinyl samples and scratches contributed by Powell and J-Dub. Miller adds her own lo-fi human element, infusing the crackling mix with simple, honeyed vocal lines.

The band holds a residency at Mickey's Tavern as the **Ka-Boom!Box DJ Explosion** on the first Saturday of each month, where they come armed with vinyl to produce a highly danceable flip-side to their live set.

POP! Track Listing

1. "Let It Drop"
2. "Show Me The Way"
3. "Strange Girl"
4. "Coming In Threes"
5. "The Night The Stars Threw Down Their Spears"

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