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KA-BOOM!BOX DELIVERS JOLTING DEPARTURE WITH DOUBLE-DISC AMBIENT DUB RELEASE

Madison Skate Punk Veterans Execute Another 180 Degree Pivot

DECEMBER 20, 2007 (MADISON, WI) -- **Ka-Boom!Box** has released their second album, a 101-minute epic entitled *Homeward Into Howling Storms*. In a marked departure from the radio-friendly electronic reggae of last year's *Pop!*, this set of sonic landscapes is drawn from a rich palette of found noise, free jazz, and downtempo dubtronica. Created by a seasoned contingent of noted Madison-based musicians, *Homeward* recalls DJ Spooky, Thievery Corporation, Brian Eno, The Orb, Bill Laswell, and Ultraworld.

The band: **Robin Davies** and **Bucky Pope** of Madison's mighty **Tar Babies**, a Midwest punk/funk success story who signed with SST Records and recorded the landmark *Fried Milk* play bass and guitar, respectively. **Jason Wittwer** mans turntables and samplers, and **Adam Powell** acts as producer and chief sonic architect, providing keyboards, drum programming, and exotic audio manipulation.

"For this project, which is a concept album about trying to get home through intense storms and spectacular obstacles, we ended up writing very long compositions—twenty-five, twenty-six minutes," explains Powell. "We are all interested in dub, jazz and experimental post-rock, so real-time collaborating led to some really interesting places; we made rules for ourselves like 'no second takes,' 'embrace the random elements' and 'hotmix it in real time with no automation.'"

"This is a record I have wanted to make for many years," adds Davies. "Our excursions into DJing and electronic music have cleared the path for this kind of experimentation. We let the MC-505 shine a bit on *POP!*, but this album is *driven* by that amazing instrument."

The dubby electroclash drum pulses overlaid by organic instrumentation of the group has quickly established them as a unique and electrifying presence on the party and DJ circuit, winning fans and notoriety in the club scene. The members also hold 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. Davies is the drummer for Madison rocker favorites **The Motor Primitives** and **The Sigourney Weavers**; Pope also plays in the new soul revue **Marcus King and Thee Royalty**.

For a limited time, all tracks are available from the Ka-Boom!Box podcast at <http://www.ka-boombox.com>.