

DIGITAL/CD—OCTOBER 7TH 2008, LP—NOVEMBER 4TH 2008

Track listing:

- 1. Until The Sun Dies (Part 2)
- 2. Vexation
- 3. A Thousand Eyes
- 4. Owl
- 5. Arcturus
- 6. Parting Song For The Torn Sky

As much as it diverges from the brain-frying aim of typical psych-rock outings, EP is an unorthodox summer record— not so much for driving to the beach as actually being in its sweltering grasp, equal parts scorched earth and wide open spaces.

Pitchfork

2008 has been a stellar year for Long Beach's Crystal Antlers. They've released a new EP, gained scores of fans with their fantastic live shows, and signed to the respected Touch and Go Records, where they join the prestigious ranks of Black Heart Procession, Yeah Yeah Yeahs and TV on the Radio. The California-cool guitar stylings of Andrew King, shirtless knock-around drumsticks of Kevin Stuart, psychedelic octaves of organist Victor Rodriguez, passion percussion employed by Sexual Chocolate, and Jonny Bell's full-fisted bass and voice have merged to form an L.A. County classic. LA Weekly

CRYSTAL ANTLERS

If the words "chimney sweep" and "soul psychedelia" don't go together in your mind, they just may after you take a listen to Crystal Antlers' debut EP, the beguilingly titled *EP*. When the band formed in 2006, three of it's members—including lead singer and bassist Jonny Bell—were in fact working as chimney sweeps and playing out constantly in SoCal. Getting dirty by day and by night, the band recorded two 7-inch singles before settling down to record this EP with the Mars Volta's Ikey Owens. When the band sent us a copy earlier this year, we were blown away by its swirling guitars, dramatic organ clamor, and relentless blending of influences ranging from cinematic psych to noisy soul punk.

Personnel:

Jonny Bell- Bass, Vocals, Woodwinds, head chimney sweep/ CEO

Victor Rodriguez- Organ, son of professional Mariachi, Chihuahua enthusiast, hair

Kevin Stuart- Drums, industrial kitchen appliance repairs, lady killer

Damian Sexual Chocolate Edwards- Percussion (standing), Disneyland caterer

Andrew King- Guitar, used car salesman, 80's h/c prodigal savant

Online: www.myspace.com/crystalantlers

Booking: www.billions.com

