

Yet another Madchester guitar band. But while Gabrielles Wish have been around for over a decade, they've hardly been prolific - Cunning Stunts previewing their third album CIRCA.

But it adds a neat twist to the Manchester sound - Gabrielles Wish have the drive, rhythm and edge of some of the early Stranglers output, but combined with a rich melodies and hooks.

It's a delicious cocktail. And to show their versatility, the B-side A Kind Of Existence is moody, keyboard instrumental slow burner. Nice one, Mancs. ****

CHUNGKING Love Is Here To Stay

Goldfrapp and The Banshees meeting Twisted Scissor Sisters down the disco is a pretty apt description of what's on offer here. Add in a hint of breathy Bananarama vocals and a glam beat and you've got a cracking gothic electropop number with a twist of new wave.

Sounding deliciously dated and fresh at the same time, Chungking could be here to stay. ****

Review by Pete Whalley

KINKY DURAKEE Dedication (Joe Soap)

Kinky Durakee are a four piece rock/pop band based in Edinburgh fronted by female vocalist Gulzhan Ibrayeva.

Dedication, their second single, has a Euro/pop feel - falling somewhere between Abba, Eurovision and Madonna in her Ray Of Light period, with a few guitars thrown in for good measure, while the B-side - The Things We Fear The Most is a far more guitar orientated affair.

Strong songs and with Gulzhan's distinctive vocals, could make Kinky Durakee one to watch in 2007. ****½

Review by Pete Whalley

GO CADENZA All The Same www.myspace.com/gocadenza

This band have been looking in to the Coldplay/Keane book of songwriting as they have conjured up lush sounds and in 'Hot Air Balloon' they sound almost Floyd like, with its spacey sound and vocals. ****½

Review by Jason Ritchie

SILVERFALL (EP) www.silverfall.info

In vocalist Jenny Bailey the band have a wonderful vocalist. She sounds like Stevie Nicks and the brooding piano led 'Don't Cry Michael' could easily be a Fleetwood Mac number. Three very enjoyable songs and a band worth seeking out if you like Fleetwood Mac and more modern day bands like the Sundays. ****½

Review by Jason Ritchie

SHANNON World Of Desire (Demo) www.shannon-rock.com

French melodic rock band who revel in the classic 80's hard rock sound and will appeal to fans of bands like Treat, Pink Cream 69 and Skagarak.

Five songs on this demo release (they have already released a full album back in 2003) with 'Do You Know?' and 'No Better Times' real gems of hard rock, big choruses and the latter has some neat piano backing.

Only 'Long Gone' sounds a bit too generic, otherwise these songs are very catchy and perfect for lovers of melodic hard rock. Hopefully they will get a label and then be able to put these songs out to a wider audience. ****½

Review by Jason Ritchie

MR SOI O Kisses It Better