

# 'Raincoat' leaves you drenched, wanting more with high expectations for band

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Ladies and gentlemen, introducing most likely to be the greatest alternative rock bands of our time, Useless Desires!

Straight out of San Francisco, the band consists of four members; Dave Shear on lead vocals, rhythm guitar, and sole song writer, Curt Yagi on bass, keys and backing vocals, James Jarrett on lead guitar, and Wayne Loeb on the drums.

First off, Dave Shear is a genius. Not only does he write the lyrics for these groundbreaking songs, but his melodic guitar and cool voice really brings an awesome first impression to the listening ears.

Yagi uses his fingers not only to create a funky bass groove, but even a magical keyboard

performance to complete the rest of the sound brought by the rest of the guys. You must know that the band creates a very mellow, yet, emotional sound and may not appeal to all, but I highly recommend giving a few listening sessions.

The album starts off with the song Amnesia. This captures your attention and will make you stick around for what's about to come next.

Moving on to Raincoat, which also happens to be the name for the album. This song takes you in and mixes you emotions all around to where you don't think it can get any better. Oh but it does.

Road Rage, Big Top, Clouds, all bring a wonderful sounding cross between Nirvana, Pink Floyd, and Radiohead. How can it get any better?

Each of these songs has so

much emotion in them. Road Rage is probably one of my favorites as in the lyrics because Shear takes a situation that is very frustrating to everyone and puts it in this funny form that makes you laugh.

Big Top brings an interesting circus sound with some Russian announcing in the beginning, then moves on to a funky almost reggae sound, and with a smooth alternative sound to finish it all off.

Clouds is a fantastic song as well. Being one of the more lengthier songs on the CD. it takes a slow start (not in a bad way whatsoever) and picks up pace throughout, making the song one of the most melodic and beautiful sounding of all.

The entire album is a masterpiece. I have no problem saying that it's the best album I have laid my hands on this

year. I have to say, these guys have some true talent and even though they are a "lay low" band at this point, I believe that they can really make it "BIG", and I hope they do.

Useless Desires is a sure please for all alternative rock fans and will leave you drenched with amazement and wanting more.



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*Useless Desires brings an interesting and cool sound to listeners that will mix emotions around. Best album this year, so far, although not well known*

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