



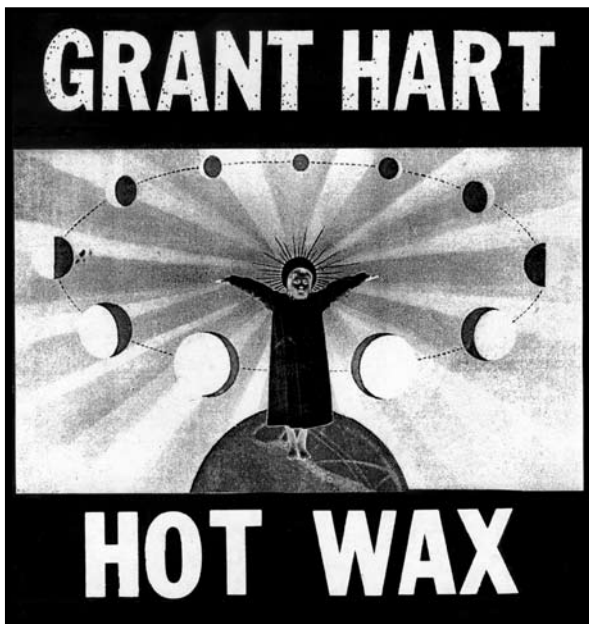
GRANT HART

HOT WAX



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Grant Hart is an icon of American independent music. One third of the legendary trio **Hüsker Dü**, and one half of its extraordinary songwriting duo (the other half being **Bob Mould**), the band crawled out of the US punk underground at the dawn of the 1980s and quickly proved themselves, with a succession of classic LPs on the SST, as one of independent America's most exceptional and influential bands.

Hart was also responsible for some of **Hüsker Dü**'s most fondly remembered songs: "Dianne", "Pink Turns To Blue", "Girl Who Lives On Heaven Hill" and the anthemic "Don't Want To Know If You Are Lonely". After their last two albums were released on Warner, the group acrimoniously split and **Hart** then began an eclectic solo career, splitting time between his own albums, records with his group **Nova Mob**, poetry readings with friends **William S. Burroughs** and **Patti Smith**, as well as concentrating on visual art.

And that brings us to 2009 and his excellent new solo album, **Hot Wax**. Recorded by **Howard Bilerman (Arcade Fire)** at his **Hotel2Tango** studios in Montreal and in studios in Minneapolis and featuring guests from **Godspeed You! Black Emperor** and **A Silver Mt. Zion**, **Hot Wax** ably demonstrates **Hart**'s incredible songwriting talent. A mixture of 60s pop/bubblegum harmonies and grinding rock 'n' roll, **Hart** has created an organic rock album using classic tools to make modern art, creating psychedelic pop/rock soundscapes loaded with strong melodies, vintage instrumentation and a style that he admittedly owes in parts to his devotion for his friend **Patti Smith**.

In short: this is no mere pedestrian effort from a "legend" paying the rent; it's a fresh, invigorating and exciting album in its own right. Any fan of **Husker Du** or **Hart**'s solo albums (particularly his 1989 masterpiece, "Intolerance") will be won over by **Hot Wax**, and what's more, it should win him new fans.

Best of all, **Hart** is touring Australia for the very first time in February. To celebrate, our special edition contains an exclusive Australia/NZ-only bonus track "Khalid", recorded recently and given to us by Grant himself who requested it be sequenced within the actual running order of the album.

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“Strong melodies and vocals abound.... Hart’s strongest album since his first, proof that the out-of-sight-out-of-mind nature of his musical career belies a talent that deserves further attention and acclaim” - **BIG TAKEOVER**

Twenty years after the demise of Hüsker Dü, (one of the great American bands of all time), it is really great to hear one of the principles back.... Hot Wax is in its own way the perfect summation of what Grant Hart has always been known for. Great punk, great pop, and wildly provocative lyrics” - **BLOG CRITICS**

“Easily his richest collection of songs to date... Excellent” - **ALL MUSIC GUIDE**

TOUR DATES

WED 10 FEB - THE TROUBADOUR, BRISBANE

THURS 11 FEB - THE ANNADALE, SYDNEY

FRI 12 FEB - NORFOLK BASEMENT, FREMANTLE, WA

SAT 13 FEB - NORTHCOTE SOCIAL CLUB, MELBOURNE

SUN 14 FEB - NORTHCOTE SOCIAL CLUB, MELBOURNE



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