

FOR THE HUTCH

For the Hutch is a band out of Westchester County, NY that plays music inspired by sci-fi, pocketprotectors, black-rimmed glasses, and being bad at sex. The goal of the group is to add the "n roll" back to the rock genre though the talents of Mark Intentionally (vocals/guitar), Johnny Rumbles (drums), Joey Balls (lead guitar) and Stevie Z (bass).

Mark Intentionally formed Hutch in late 2005. Mark and his buddy Johnny Rumbles set out to be a 21st century of Hall and Oates except that at least one of the two couldn't grow a moustache (no names mentioned, Mark). The two with their extended roster of not-so-merry-men-and-women hit the studio and the stage playing original tunes. Eventually Joey Balls and Stevie Z joined the fray bringing their own unique styles into the mix.

In 2008, the band independently released their first full length CD, Demo: The Album which collected all of the songs the band had recorded since their formation. The second full-length CD is due out in fall 2009.



***1/2 stars

In the cleverly named Demo: The Album, White Plains band For the Hutch has made a surprisingly polished and catchy debut. Steeped in the East Coast punk scene, the group delivers a disc that is given to influences ranging from Husker Du to Urge Overkill to Ugly Kid Joe. Songs like "Opposite Tuesday" and "Bermuda Love Triangle" demonstrate a wit that is nonetheless backed by solid musicianship. While the liner notes imply that the band has more hangers-on than the Gorillaz ("Ben Jammin Fortney?"), one hopes that For the Hutch can stay focused and build off this respectable rookie effort as they head back into the studio to record their own Born to Run, Joshua Tree, or Rocket to Russia. -Rob Kirkpatrick, author of "1969: The Year Everything Changed and Magic in the Night: The Words and Music of Bruce Springsteen."

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