

Keyboard Rebel - „Pop Grenade“ (aaahh.003)

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Good and honest music needs to be listened to, that's what we thought, when we discovered the lovely Manchester-based band Keyboard Rebel, which is not only a musical find, but as well a lucky chance to the collective good. The band donates all the income it earns through performing and recording their music to the aid organisation Amnesty International, which is in our opinion another just fantastic and worthwhile motive to play music. So, in supporting Keyboard Rebel and their new album "Pop Grenade", we do not only see the chance in spreading their musical work but also being part of a good idea, to help people who really need help.



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But what about their music? Naming off bands like Badly Drawn Boy, Neil Young or Elliott Smith as their influences, one can guess that Keyboard Rebel follow different musical ambitions than influential bands from Manchester like Joy Division, for example. Keyboard Rebel play Pop music - in the best sense and meaning of the word.

Describing themselves as indie mavericks, Keyboard Rebel alias Mike Bray, Tom Butlin, Rob Jackson, Denis Osborne, Kate Reynolds and Tim O'Callaghan use typical Popband instruments plus some fancy extra items like an accordion and a cornet to form fresh and charming poptunes with some deeper and thoughtful moments in it. Regarding their political aim, it is obvious that the band offers some socio- critical remarks in their lyrics as well. However, the idea of pop is never abolished and all the songs on their debut full- length album "Pop Grenade" are danceable and catchy. You better take a listen!

How do you get "Pop Grenade"? As usual, we release the music of our artists under a creative commons license, which means that you are allowed to download the album for free from our homepage www.aaahh-records.net and may as well use it for your own musical experiments, namely remixes or whatever. If you like the music and think about doing something nice, you may donate some money to the band, which means that you solely donate for amnesty international. What a great thing! You will find the button for donations on our homepage, too. Furthermore you should keep in mind that Keyboard Rebel offer their music in form of a lovely digipak compact disc as well. You can buy the CD for only 5 pounds, that go directly to Amnesty.

The aaahh-records team is very proud to re-release "Pop Grenade" from Keyboard Rebel one month after the band's own label "slick nine" released it. We hope you'll enjoy it as much as we do!

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