

Review: Millenia Madness

Citizen Fish – Millenia Madness (selected notes) LP CD

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This, their 5th album, is 40 minutes of bliss. Some of the band have more than a decade of experience going back to the Punk Subhumans of the early 80s before the festival ska of Culture Shock, then Citizen Fish from 1990. Dick has always been a talented lyricist, with the Subhumans he sounded fresher, swore a lot and worried about being locked up for subversion. The lyrics have improved tremendously and their music has not been left behind. The additional Bender trumpet loan works nicely on a few songs and the core instruments are made to perform well in classics like Phone In Sick, Faster and Next Big Thing. Over the years ska punk bands have come and gone but Citizen Fish have got something original and special. This album is being distributed in the US which I think is a first for them. Look out for live shows, best anarchist gigs around. Unfortunately for us they never seem to get north of Birmingham...

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