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The Coctails "Popcorn Box" 3CD Box Set

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Almost four years in the making, The Coctails "Popcorn Box" has finally arrived! Three full CDs worth of material covering their entire career -- many unreleased songs, and a boat load of tracks making their first digital appearance after languishing out of print for years.

Following their public debut at an art opening in Kansas City, MO in the late 1980's, The Coctails released four unique studio albums, an outstanding live record, a wonderful but mostly unheard EP, and a ton of singular singles before their hiatus in 1996. Over this eight years, they exhibited a fearless desire to tackle almost any instrument or genre that caught their fancy; sometimes with scary, but usually delightful results.

Their early work included 60's style, hipster pop, nods to Martin Denny and lounge music, and garage style rave outs. They then tackled jazz, even recording with out jazz saxophone legend Hal Russell on "Long Sound," before turning their gaze to what many feel is their best work, the mature pop of their last two albums, "Peel" and "The Coctails." Sprinkled liberally in between are singles and compilation tracks that include children's music, holiday songs, garage rock, waltzes, Sun Ra and Devo covers, and more too numerous to name.

The Coctails "Popcorn Box" includes:

- Material from their entire oeuvre including many studio songs that never found a place on an album, like the incredible, jazzy "Skeleton Bones" with Robert from **QUINTRON** and **MATH**.
- Much requested tracks from their first two vinyl albums, "Hip Hip Hooray" and "Here Now Today" that were not included on "The Early Hi-Ball Years."
- Songs from their singles on **Hi-Ball**, **Telstar**, **SOL**, and **Insipid Vinyl**, including their live favorite, "Penguin/Powerhouse" Raymond Scott medley, their version of the "Devo Corporate Anthem," and their cover of the garage rock nugget "Why" used to close their live sets.
- The entire Hello Records EP, which held some of their most alluring work, previously only available to subscribers of the short-lived service from **They Might Be Giants**.
- 56 songs over 3.2 hours, all lovingly remastered, almost all from original source tapes!
- **52pp perfect bound book** full of liners & memorabilia wrapped in eye-popping popcorn box!
- The reunited Coctails will be opening for **3 sold out shows** with **THE PIXIES** this fall, including shows in **Chicago** and **Boston**, and will headline a **record release show in Chicago**.