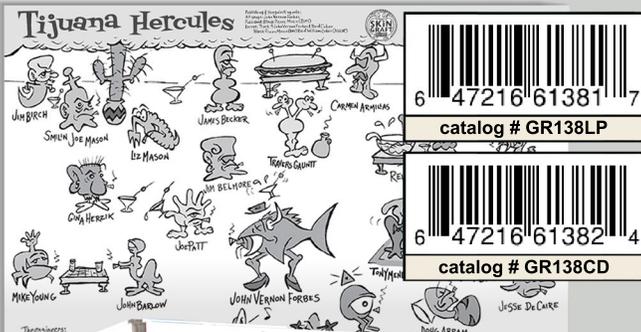


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ALBUM FORMATS :

WHITE & BLACK VINYL LPs / GLASS-MASTERED CD

SKiN GRAFT Records

street date: **MAY 7th, 2021**

--- Years in the making and featuring the talents of more than 20 musicians, **Tijuana Hercules's** new long-player "**Mudslod and the Singles**" finds the band deep-diving into its patented "**hillbilly trance**" sound: an oxygen-depriving bouillabaisse of boundary-busting blues, spaghetti-strung grooves, and tangled psychedelic roots music.

Hailing from the southern regions of the U.S., **John Vernon Forbes** has a long and storied history of making music, cartoons, and comical mischief. His illustrations recall the golden age of animation filtered through an absurdist lens - and this love of days gone by is rendered with a futurist's ear in the blues-tinged music he's been creating for decades.

In **Atlanta**, John played in **Phantom 309** (with Mac McNeilly, future drummer of **The Jesus Lizard**) and **Dirt**, before settling in **Chicago** where he formed **Mount Shasta**, one of the founding **SKiN GRAFT Records** acts. Mount Shasta went on to release three albums and a collaborative LP with Japan's **Space Streakings** before disbanding.

Forbes then formed **Tijuana Hercules**, initially taking inspiration from obscure rock, blues, and gospel songs from the '50s and '60s. The band later gamma-radiated those threads into something altogether different in the labs of Forbes's own **Frog Mountain Recording Studio**, located squarely within Chicago's historic meat-packing district.

Alongside last year's SKiN GRAFT debut "**Evening Dressings**", the band's latest releases are a pair of collections that highlight their diversity: **Bloodshot Records'** "**Six Pack to Go**" 7" singles compilation (with **Deer Tick**, **Elizabeth Cook**, **Kelly Hogan**, and **Guided By Voices'** **Robert Pollard**) and SKiN GRAFT's "**Chicago VS New York**" compilation (featuring **The Flying Luttenbachers**, **Bobby Conn**, **Cheer-Accident** and **Child Abuse**).

"Tijuana Hercules just keep on getting better at what it's always been good at, finding a stanky swampy groove and beating it till it cries for its mama." - **Monica Kendrick, Chicago Reader**

"A potent dish indeed, with no side orders of irony." - **Fred Mills, Metro Times**

"A brilliant trip... a headphones & visualizer set to 'on' kind of brilliant trip." - **Rick Saunders, Deep Blues**

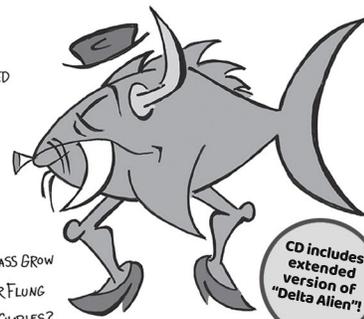
"Watching Tijuana Hercules force the people of my hometown to have a good time despite their taste for the ordinary was one of the best experiences of my year - and one of the best concerts I've ever seen." - **Terry Sawyer, Popmatters**

SELLING POINTS :

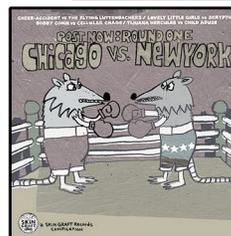
- **Tijuana Hercules** features singer/guitarist/songwriter **John Vernon Forbes** of **SKiN GRAFT Records** legends **Mount Shasta** and a stunning roster of players culled from the ranks of (to name a few) **Iron and Wine**, **Cheer-Accident**, **Califone**, **The Hairy Patt Band**, **Lovely Little Girls**, and the **Obama White House** horn band regulars **The Black Bear Combo!**
- Limited to **(250) Ink-Black & (250) Chalk-White Vinyl** copies. The Glass-Mastered Compact Disc comes packaged in a fully-illustrated **Deluxe Six-Panel Hi-Gloss Gatefold** sleeve. Both formats include "Map of The Stars" cartoons dutifully delineated in duotone by the band's John Forbes & laid out by **Touch and Go Records'** design department alumnus **David Babbitt**.
- An all-new animated music video "**What Happened to Charles?**" will premiere in conjunction with the album's release. Tour dates and additional live-streaming events to be announced.

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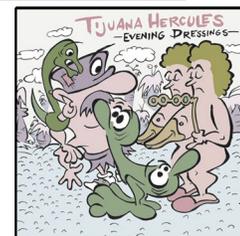
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12. FAZED, GASSED, FAR FLUNG
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