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THE TRASHMEN SURFIN' BIRD



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- First-ever UK release for The Trashmen's sole album *Surfin' Bird* available in a deluxe rigid digibook.
- Includes the Surf classics 'Miserlou' and 'Tube City' plus the band's US Top 30 hit 'Bird Dance Beat' a Top 10 smash in Canada.
- In-depth full-colour booklet charts the band's beginnings from 60s Garage sensations to 21st century Facebook heroes.
- Almost fifty years since they formed, The Trashmen continue to perform at festivals throughout Europe and the US.

Following the success of the 2009 campaign to get Rage Against The Machine to the UK Christmas No.1 spot (thereby defeating the X-Factor winner), a plethora of similar campaigns were launched in the run up to Christmas 2010. Most of these floundered, either appearing low on the chart or failing to chart at all. The notable exception was 'Surfin' Bird' by The Trashmen which swooped in at #3, surpassing its original 1963 peak position of US#4.

This tour de force was built on a massively successful online movement which arose from the use of the goofy Surf classic in an episode of the popular cartoon series Family Guy. 'Surfin' Bird' has also been recorded by numerous artists including the Ramones, The Cramps and the thrash metal band Sodom, as well as being used in television shows and movies including Stanley Kubrick's Full Metal Jacket and John Waters' Pink Flamingos.

However, as this first-ever UK release of The Trashmen's only album (US #48) reveals, the Minneapolis foursome were much more than a just a one hit wonder; they were actually a highly accomplished band whose Surf-inspired Garage rock sound scored hits around the world. This release features the complete 1964 *Surfin' Bird* album (including the eponymous single) plus 10 bonus tracks, the follow-up hit 'Bird Dance Beat' (US #30), and assorted singles and B-sides which "bubbled under".

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