

# MISSION OF BURMA

## THE SOUND THE SPEED THE LIGHT

Before, the surprise was that after 20 years of hiatus, the band was just as good as ever. Now, they're even better, more cohesive and confident, louder and funnier, still learning from life and each other, and using that experience to create ever more compelling music." –*Dusted*

"As vital and inspirational as ever." – *Pitchfork*

**Mission Of Burma's** fourth LP, *The Sound The Speed The Light*, is a departure from the pinned-needles roar of 2006's *The Obliterati*. Far more spacious and dynamic, it blasts off with the anthemic, catchy "1, 2, 3, Party!" a classic Burma rocker on a level with "This Is Not A Photograph" or "Certain Fate." "Good Cheer" is a burst of almost uncontrollable joy that literally explodes from the speakers. Other tracks, however, such as "Feed," "Forget Yourself," and "Slow Faucet," are slow, hypnotic builders, the latter a live favorite for some time.

Of course, all the Burma trademarks are also present: The military snare drum, the melodic basslines high up on the neck, and the furiously dissonant guitarwork, refracted back into the songs via tape loops – all punctuated by the hoarse shouts of drummer Peter Prescott. This controlled chaos, this disciplined letting go, is at the heart of what they do, and it remains as exhilarating and fulfilling as ever.

Of the album, Roger Miller says, "Suffice it to say that some of these songs are more of a riot than others, others more somber. All feature hitables and electric instruments like guitars and whatnot. The style seems to be 'Rock.' File under 'Vocal Group with Instrumental'. Thanks Roger!

*The Sound The Speed The Light* was recorded in March 2009 at Squid Hell studios in Jamaica Plain, Boston, MA. Some bloggage & photos from the recording can be found at <http://www.missionofburma.com/home.html>.

**Mission Of Burma are:**

**Clint Conley – bass, vocals**

**Roger Miller – guitar, vocals**

**Peter Prescott – drums, vocals**

**Bob Weston – tape loops, soundman, engineer**

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