



Inspector 22

Hey Man, I Understand

Odessa Records ODE-04 CD

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Inspector 22 is Todd Wesley Emmert

Song Listing:

Moon Landing, Take One * Kid In A Well * Hey Man * Of Broom and Bride * Tea With Pazuzu * Full Moon * Without Blood * Spilled Blood * No Doppelganger * Traffic Light * Gone Truckin' *

*First Inspector 22 record for Odessa!

* I22 has released two other records through Maine label dontrusttheruin

*Self produced and recorded by Todd Emmert at his home in Chapel Hill

*Previous releases have received high praise in Wire and Bananafish

*Beautiful cover art by Todd Emmert

*Todd is an accomplished painter who has shown and sold his works all over the NC triangle

*Publicity is being handled in-house by Odessa.
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* The Inspector 22 live band features members of Kingsbury Manx, Fin Fang Foom, and Spider Bags

*Lyrics, bios, and hi-res photos available on Odessa website

*Posters and Promos available upon request

"I was born in Oakland, California in 1973, but have lived the majority of my life in North Carolina. I am an artist and musician. I've been drawing since I was one year old and painting since 1991.

As a boy, I use to be scared ghosts walked around in my shoes while I slept, now I don't mind either way. My childhood has played a bigger part in my life than I ever expected...It is what most influences my art and music even to this day. I attended Cornish College Of The Arts in Seattle, Washington from 1992 to 1995 or so before dropping out. It was all right.

I've been playing music since I was about fourteen (guitar mostly, but also some bass and piano). I made my first recordings in 1991 and now since 1997, I have been performing and recording music under the name "Inspector 22".

I've been a vegetarian since 1997 as well. It's a little hazy now, but I was a contestant on Bananafish Island from 1999 until 2004 when I was voted off. I drink a lot of coffee and work on art, pacing around listening to records most days. I have two cats, Lola and Alastair."

Inspector 22 started as the solo-project of Todd Emmert in 1997, initially recording cassettes to trade with friend Clarke Blomquist and an acquaintance named Grux. There were probably 15 or 20 cassette releases made in editions of two or three, of which two notable CDs were compiled: "Friendship Cemetery Revisited...", a twenty song "best of" and "Worship The Shoe", an avant-garde a cappella album.

In 2002 a seven inch, "Rainy Day Saints", was pressed in an edition of 200 and self-released. In 2003 the eight song EP, "Disco Mystic", was recorded, but never officially released. In 2008 the concept album "Irni" was released, which marked the first of two Inspector 22 albums for dontrusttheruin.

"Hey Man, I Understand" runs the gamut of sonic exploration, from the metal machine music of "Moon Landing ,Take One" , through the ambient haze of "Tea with Pazuzu" and the four-track folk of "Gone Truckin". The song cycle weaves together hypnotic instrumentals with more heavily vocal based songs. Informed by the esoteric, but always bringing it back to the familiar, it is a journey through the world of a great artist . A rare glimpse that is sometimes harrowing (Spilled Blood), often funny, (Gone Truckin') and always engaging.



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