

BACAO RHYTHM & STEEL BAND

THE SERPENT'S MOUTH



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- A2. Touchdown
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Take "1 Thing" – on it, the group attacks the galloping, chopped Amerie smash hit, with singing pans that follow the R & B vocal. The sound is crisp and up-front, arguably more muscular than the 2005 original. On "Great To Be Here," they take on the Jackson 5 B-Boy favorite (which stretches back to the Zulu Nation / Bronx block party days) – uncoincidentally, the original version featured a guitar lick that emulated a steel pan run. Here, it gets an even more pulsating groove, adding open-drums breaks throughout, to get DJs salivating. The group veers through more inventively-constructed covers as the album's sequence continues, including Gang Starr's "All For The Cash"; Mary J. Blige's "I Love You"; and the recently unleashed first single, "XXplosive" and "Burn," paying tribute to both Dr. Dre and Mobb Deep for a bi-coastal funk party. And, as band leader Bjorn Wagner states, "My favorite cover on the album is probably 'Crockett Theme,' which is the theme to 'Miami Vice.' I always loved the melody, and the cosmic vibe of the song, and I was honestly surprised that it worked without synthesizers."

This time around the group's originals are even stronger, as evidenced by cuts like the flute-fueled break-fest of "Hoola Hoop"; the slow and spacey "Touchdown"; and the album's title track, the future-epic-adventure-movie-soundtrack cut "The Serpent's Mouth." Wagner explains, "I wrote the song with Bernhard Hummer as an instrumental fantasy story – think of pirates, smugglers and a dangerously beautiful sea passage towards the island. It became an allegory for our mind travels into the world of the steel pan."

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*Includes Two Bonus Tracks Not Included On The LP Release

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