



35g/HHBTM records presents



Band: AqPop
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AqPop is a pop-rock-psychedelic outfit from Trondheim, Norway. They are releasing their debut on the **Happy Happy Birthday To Me Records** the 1th of November. The album, "**Beautifully Smart**", was recorded last spring at Shabbey Road Studios in Trondheim. It's main focus is **pop**, but the band also explores **psychedelic** and **folk**. Both '60s and '90s influences can be heard, and if one is forced to do the usual name dropping, **Guided By Voices**, **Byrds**, **Elephant6-collective** but also **Radiohead** might fit well.

AqPop has existed under various band names since **1999**, most of the time as **Chime Poppers**, but also (partly parallel with Chime Poppers) as **Aquarium Poppers**. Three vinyl singles have been released and the band has contributed to several **compilations**, along with other artists like Dipsomaniacs, Motorpsycho, Jeff Kelly, Loch Ness Mouse and Thurston Moore.

Thor Jørgen Holm (guitar and vocal) and **Karl Morten Dahl** (guitar) write the main share of the songs. The last couple of years they have collaborated with Øyvind Holm of **Dipsomaniacs**. The Dipsomaniacs songs "Calendar Song" (Read My Mind EP) and "Caught By This Feeling" (Praying Winter) were both originally AqPop songs. On their debut album AqPop "steals" the latter song back, and does a weird folk version of the song with female vocals. **Jade Hasselgård** sings lead vocal on two of the songs on the album. **Thomas Ingdal** and **Andreas Knudsen** are on bass and drums respectively.

AqPop's combination of '60s psych pop and '90s rock has a great appeal to fans of **indie music, vintage psych and folk**.



AqPop discography:

Album

- Beautifully Smart (35g Records/HHBTM)

7":

- Aquarium Poppers : Find The Tunes / Jamison 7" (35g records, 2001)
- Aquarium Poppers : Recomander Tunes In Various Stations 7" ep (35g records, 2001)
- Chime Poppers : Greatest time EP 7" ep (two zero/zapruder groove records, 2002)

Compilations:

- The International League of Telepathic Explorers (Free City Media, USA, 2002). Aquarium Poppers: Magic Luxury
- Dream Magazine #3 CD (Dream, USA, 2002). Aquarium Poppers: Beautifully Smart, She's Standing There (demo).
- Further Adventures Of The Telepathic Explorers (Free City Media, USA, 2003). AqPop: Caught By This Feeling (AqPop/Ø.Holm)
- For The Dead In Space (Secret Eye, USA, 2003). Aquarium Poppers: From The Movie Of The Same Name.
- HHBTM vol 3 (Happy Happy Birthday To Me Records, USA, 2004). AqPop: Feature-Making Quibble
- To come: Chewin Pine sampler, autumn 2004

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<http://aqpop.fupp.net/BS1.jpg>

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