

# BOSTON SPACESHIPS

## Our Cubehouse Still Rocks

(Guided By Voices Inc.)

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Following three full-length records in only two years, *Our Cubehouse Still Rocks* is a breakthrough fourth album from Boston Spaceships. Featuring Robert Pollard (Guided By Voices), Chris Slusarenko (Guided By Voices) and John Moen (Decemberists), the band began as a long-distance recording collaboration, but brilliantly hit their stride on this album as an unshakable, actualized band. For a group that took their name from the over-the-top UFO illustrations on record covers from 70's arena rockers Boston, there's no denying a classic-rock flag flying high overhead. Just below, however, there's a bustling churn of art-damaged new wave, echoes of Devo, mid-period Wire and the sour songcraft of the Rough Trade stable.



From the lead-off near-prog sunshine psyche of "Track Star" to the barn-burning album closer, "In The Bathroom", the 16 songs fly by in a gust of demented, high-energy pop. Pollard's talent in visual arts, especially his fascination with collage, seems to have integrated into the sonic realm on this album. While early GBV had the occasional tape cut-up, compositional collage runs throughout the songwriting here, be it schizophrenic structure or a completely random burst of overdubbed drum solos. Bouncing from acoustic psych dirges to beer-soaked rock and roll, the record is brimming over with hooks and Pollard's incredible gift for melodies so catchy they shine through even the weirdest musical surroundings. Arguably the best collection of songs from the Spaceships, some of their strongest tunes meet up with expertly-produced sonic landscapes.

*Our Cubehouse Still Rocks* is the sound of a band alive with the energy and excitement of making a brand new incredible noise. Every second feels electric.



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01. TRACK STAR [3:07]
02. JOHN THE DWARF WANTS TO BECOME AN ANGEL [2:49]
03. I SEE YOU COMING [2:53]
04. FLY AWAY (TERRY SEZ) [2:45]
05. TRICK OF THE TELEKINETIC NEWLYWEDS [2:36]
06. SAINTS DON'T LIE [3:09]
07. THE BRITISH AND THE FRENCH [1:45]
08. UNSHAVEN BIRD [2:28]
09. COME ON BABY GRACE [2:34]
10. FREEDOM RINGS [3:52]
11. STUNTED [2:11]
12. BOMBADINE [2:06]
13. AIRWAVES [2:29]
14. DUNKIRK IS FROZEN [2:44]
15. KING GREEN STAMP [1:53]
16. IN THE BATHROOM (UP 1/2 THE NIGHT) [3:07]



### **BOSTON SPACESHIPS**

*Zero To 99* (2009)

“Another winner...Pollard’s making some of the best music of his life”  
- Pitchfork

“As quirky, melodic, catchy & life-affirming as GBV. Top 20 albums of 2009!” - Magnet

4 stars \*\*\*\* - Mojo



### **BOSTON SPACESHIPS**

*The Planets Are Blasted* (2009)

“Another jaw-droppingly wondrous mashup of British Invasion jangle and lyrical non-sequiturs” - Paste

“Hits the same giddy melodic heights as GBV's golden era but with a grander sense of scale and drama” - All Music Guide



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*Brown Submarine* (2008)

4 stars \*\*\*\* - Mojo