

Digable Planets Beyond The Spectrum

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"Insects stick together and work for mutually beneficial causes," Ladybug Mecca of Digable Planets once commented in Essence Magazine. Following that concept, Butterfly, Doodlebug and Ladybug joined together and formed Digable Planets in the early 90s, bringing a new vibe to hip-hop. Following their recent reunion tour is Beyond the Spectrum: The Creamy Spy Chronicles, a collection of rarities and greatest hits that is a great reminder to fans that the group is one of the special bands to emerge from that fertile time period.

With their 1993 debut, Reachin' (A New Refutation of Time and Space), and their follow up album Blowout Comb the band introduced their literate lyrics, honey-smooth flow and vibrant arrangements. When the group took a hiatus to work on solo projects, they were sorely missed. No other group combined elements of funk, psychedelia and hip-hop in the same way and the trio brought jazz into the fold, giving a new soul to an old sound. As the Beyond the Spectrum: The Creamy Spy Chronicles anthology clearly illustrates, Digable Planets set a standard back in the 90s for a generation of soul poets and producers alike.

Track Listing for

Digable Planets- Beyond The Spectrum: The Creamy Spy Chronicles

1 Intro

2 Dedicated*

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3 Nickle Bags

4 Jettin"

5 Where I'm From (Remix)*

6 Three Slim's Dynamite*

7 Dog It

8 Rebirth of Slick (Cool Like Dat)

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9 Dial 7 (Axioms of Creamy Spies)

10 Graffiti

11 Pacifics

12 9th Wonder: Blackitolism (Elaine Brown Mix)*

13 Where I'm From (LP version)

Digable Planets Tour Dates

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Date City Venue

10/27/2005 San Diego, CA 4th & B

10/29/2005 New Orleans, LA Voodoo Festival

10/30/2005 Las Vegas, NV Vegoose

10/31/2005 San Antonio, TX Engine Room

11/1/2005 Dallas, TX Gypsy Team Ballroom

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11/2/2005 Lawrence, KS Granada Theater

11/3/2005 St. Louis, MO Blue Note

11/4/2005 Chicago, IL Metro

11/5/2005 Ann Arbor, MI Blind Pig

11/6/2005 Cincinnati, Ohio Bogart's

11/8/2005 Providence, RI Living Room

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11/9/2005 Burlington, VT Higher Ground

11/10/2005 Cambridge, MA Middle East

11/11/2005 Baltimore, MD Sonar

11/12/2005 Asheville, North Carolina Orange Peel

11/13/2005 Carrboro, NC Cat's Cradle

Check out their website for more info and to hear audio samples - <http://bluenote.com/detail.asp?SelectionID=10476>