
The Cure

Posted by epitome - 2008/06/17 14:54

I'm sure there are a few fans of The Cure on here, so I was wondering what you think so far of the new singles (and b-sides if you've heard them).

Also, I heard a while ago that the new album was going to be a double CD (or at least Robert Smith would himself produce a double CD as well as the record label putting out a single disc version). More recently I heard that this idea seems to have gone and instead they are going to release a single CD album using only the poppy, upbeat tracks. I like all The Cure's stuff, but I tend to prefer the gloomier side of them on albums such as Bloodflowers, Pornography and Disintegration, so I really hope this later rumour isn't true. Anyone have anymore info about the new album?

Anyway, personally I've liked both singles so far. Neither amazing, but pretty good. The latest b-side "All Kinds of Stuff" is very good too, but I'm not so keen on the first b-side "NY Trip". I hope there are going to be stronger tracks on the album, and until I hear for sure that it won't be happening, I'm keeping my fingers crossed for the double CD.

Thoughts?

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Re:The Cure

Posted by ApathysEcstasy - 2008/06/17 16:59

I like the Cure also, and I tend to like their gloomier stuff as well. Pornography and Disintegration being my fav. I think they should stray from the upbeat poppy stuff, they have far more to give and I think that is pure record company crap there.

"NY Trip" isn't good, no it isn't but "All Kinds of Stuff" is not that bad at all.

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I most definitely want the double cd, I think there will be a lot more familiar material, more of the Cure I love.

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Re:The Cure

Posted by epitome - 2008/06/17 17:24

Agreed. All Kinds of Stuff is possibly my favourite of the 4 new Cure songs so far.

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Re:The Cure

Posted by Shame - 2008/06/17 17:27

Yeah, I'm a big Cure fan and have been following this new album quite a bit. From looking at the live performances on Youtube, some of their new songs are really sounding like good old moody Cure. Here's a couple of the best:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tbl0nfprlbE>

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=Tbo7epQBL5A>

So, the news of a single pop album really annoyed me. The Only One was OK but not great and I can't stand Freakshow. Though I think Smith mentioned the idea of releasing another more moody album after the poppier one in Sept. I sure hope so, as that would be awesome.

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Re:The Cure

Posted by ApathysEcstasy - 2008/06/17 17:54

those are pretty good
I like them
thank you for posting them
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Re:The Cure

Posted by ApathysEcstasy - 2008/06/17 17:56

so now you've got me wondering
what are your fav all time songs by the Cure?

Re:The Cure

Posted by epitome - 2008/06/17 18:02

Cool, I will listen to those soon (after the album I'm listening to at the moment ends).

So if they're moodier songs, do you think they *won't* be on the new Cure album, but then will appear on a 2nd new Cure album not long after?

If they are doing two albums I would prefer it if they did one all pop stuff and one all moody stuff. As much as I like Kiss Me, Kiss Me, Kiss Me and Wild Mood Swings, the mix of pop and gloom makes both feel slightly awkward.

As for favourite Cure songs... that's almost as hard as picking favourite Pumpkins songs!
Watching Me Fall could be my favourite. Bloodflowers, There Is No If, 39, Plainsong, Pictures of You... anything from Pornography... Hell, I can't narrow it down enough so I'll just stop there :)

Re:The Cure

Posted by epitome - 2008/06/17 18:17

Wow, Underneath the Stars is amazing. That looks like it will be added to my list of favourite Cure songs when it is released. I'm only letting myself listen to it that one time though until I can hear it properly on the album.

I'm listening to A Boy I Never Knew now and that sounds great too. Sounds a bit like Disintegration-era Cure, reminds me a bit of Plainsong, which I love.

Hmmm... I really want those 2 songs on the new album... but I also want a 100% moody, atmospheric Cure album!

I heard they recorded 33 songs for the intended double album, anyone else hear that?

Re:The Cure

Posted by SamC - 2008/06/17 21:00

I saw the Cure live the other day.
It was great.

Re:The Cure

Posted by blueczarina - 2008/06/17 21:43

i love The Cure- can't wait to get the new album. its nice to see old faves coming back with new stuff. :)

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Re:The Cure

Posted by Shame - 2008/06/18 05:13

Yeah, I heard it was like 33, so releasing only 1 single disc might be a bit unlikely.

That song underneath the stars sounds like it would be wirth the album on its own.
As for my fave song, I would have to go with Plainsong too. Its the first track from the first (and best) cure album i bought, and if i listen to it in the right mood/setting it really is one of the best songs ever. Also, like the pumpkins I think they have a whole load of amazing b-sides as well; like The exploding Boy - that ones great too.

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Re:The Cure

Posted by epitome - 2008/06/18 09:18

The Join The Dots boxset of b-sides is great. Of course, being the weirdo that I am, I compiled all my favourites from those four CDs to make on 'ultimate' CD :)
That reminds me, the song Burn from The Crow soundtrack is one of my favourites too, and also suits the movie perfectly.

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Re:The Cure

Posted by HeavyMetalMachine - 2008/06/19 10:14

I was so bummed out.
I was going to see the cure when they came to Red Rocks but was never able to get tickets.

I will for sure be getting the new album though

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Re:The Cure

Posted by epitome - 2008/06/19 15:03

Dammit, I couldn't hold out very long - I'm listening to Underneath the Stars again (this'll be my last time).

Kinda reminds me of when the Pumpkins toured before Machina. I used to use an SP chatroom back then and people heard Cash Car Star (I think it might have been one of the first new songs they played, I'm not sure) and everyone was really stoked, saying how great it was. And then it wasn't on the album.

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Re:The Cure

Posted by doomsdayclock - 2008/06/19 18:41

i remembered that. i believe i heard in 1998 on tv for a kiss event, (i'll try and find it if its on youtube) and i was really stoked as well. but i wouldn't change machina I too much. It's one of my favorite albums.

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Re:The Cure

Posted by epitome - 2008/06/21 15:25

Well, according to Wiki it is indeed going to be a single release of mainly upbeat songs, with the darker songs possibly following on a separate release.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Cure%27s_thirteenth_album

Disappointing. Though it doesn't give sources for the information, so I don't know how accurate it is.

By the way, anyone know if Disintegration is going to be re-released like all the albums leading up to it were?

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Re:The Cure

Posted by PersianBellyDancer - 2008/06/23 08:26

Not too sure if it's being re-released.

OH man. Do I love The Cure, I've seen them twice.

I love The Cure just as much as I love SP, Wish has to be one of my favorite albums and most played albums.

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Re:The Cure

Posted by epitome - 2008/07/13 09:04

Well, it's the 13th and you know what that means... new single time...

This month: Sleep When I'm Dead (Mix 13) and b-side Down Under.

For the first 20 seconds, Sleep When I'm Dead had me worried. But then it gets a kickstart and becomes a good song. The Only One is definitely the catchiest single so far, but this song is about as good. This single rocks slightly more than the first two, but still keeps that upbeat tone.

As for the b-side, Down Under, it seems The Cure have done it again - putting a better song as the b-side than the single. This is one of those Cure songs where it just seems to have a magical air to it somehow.

The last 2 singles have both had b-sides better than the singles themselves, in my opinion. To be honest, out of the 6 new songs so far I've only not liked one of them - NY Trip. Not that NY Trip is a particularly bad song, just not all that great either.

Although the quality of the songs so far has got me very excited about the new album, it's also made me even more disappointed that it's not going to be a double album. The Cure are the kind of band that could pull off an awesome double album, they have a lot of variety and rarely write bad songs so could probably do a 2 hour album where you don't get bored before the end. Maybe it could even have rivalled MCIS! Oh well :(

Anyway, I'll list the new songs in order from best to worst (in my opinion):

1. Down Under
 2. All Kinds of Stuff
 3. The Only One
 4. Sleep When I'm Dead
 5. Freakshow
 6. NY Trip
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Re:The Cure

Posted by pierowmaniac - 2008/07/14 04:38

Im liking "Sleep when I'm Dead" the most out of the 6 songs

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Re:The Cure

Posted by superchrist - 2008/07/15 12:36

I prefer "Down Under" over "Sleep When I'm Dead".

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Re:The Cure

Posted by epitome - 2008/07/15 15:18

Me too. Best of the new songs so far, in my opinion.

But don't you all agree that so far all the songs could have been part of a great 2CD album? (except for NY Trip maybe).

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Re:The Cure

Posted by epitome - 2008/07/16 09:42

Anyway, whilst I wait for the next single...

Any of you Cure fans have any "rare" songs? Most rarities are covered by Join The Dots and the re-release deluxe versions of the albums.

But I do have a few others.

B-sides from their self-titled album:

This Morning
Why Can't I Be Me?
Your God Is Fear
Fake

B-sides from the new album:

Down Under
NY Trip
All Kinds of Stuff

Out-take from Bloodflowers (released on a promo CD):

Spilt Milk

Dragon Hunters soundtrack:

Dragon Hunters Song

Charity thing for Darfur:

Love

Orgazmo soundtrack:

A Sign From God

Spilt Milk might be included on the deluxe version of Bloodflowers, if they ever get that far with the re-releases. I hear there are a few more studio quality out-takes from that album which I'd love to hear too.

Anyone else have any Cure rarities?

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Re:The Cure

Posted by pierowmaniac - 2008/07/16 11:43

Just Join the Dots but I also have the crow soundtrack so Ive got Burn Twice :)

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Re:The Cure

Posted by doomsdayclock - 2008/07/17 06:41

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Re:The Cure

Posted by pierowmaniac - 2008/07/17 11:00

doomsdayclock wrote:

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If you mean mainstream as in the popier singles, get yourself or listen to a copy of "pornography", "Seventeen Seconds" or "Faith"

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Re:The Cure

Posted by superchrist - 2008/07/19 11:28

"The Only One" is still my favorite of the new stuff.

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Re:The Cure

Posted by epitome - 2008/07/24 13:29

So the album's been delayed a month, so now is due on October the 13th :(On the bright side, an EP is coming out on September 13th comprising of 4 remixes of the singles. The next (and last) single is going to be A Perfect Boy, which there's a link to a live version of in this thread. Judging by my memory of the live performance (though I only listened to it once), it could be the best of the singles.

I got all this from Robert Smith's latest blog on MySpace. Possibly the most interesting comment was this:

"AND I NEED A BIT MORE TIME
TO PUT THE FINISHING TOUCHES TO THE ALBUM...
TO DECIDE ON WHAT SONGS MAKE THE FINAL CUT...
AND IN WHAT ORDER...
(frowns... wonders if a 17 song 80 minute album is a double... ?)"

So I guess that confirms that there will be no double album. An 80 minute 'epic' could still be cool, although if there's no double coming, I'd probably prefer one album of mainly pop stuff followed by a gloomy atmospheric rock album next year.

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Re:The Cure

Posted by epitome - 2008/08/12 12:14

I can tell you're all interested, and here it is again, new single time (well, for me anyway as I got this one a day early).

This time it's one that I heard a live version of a while ago, The Perfect Boy. Another good song - probably not catchy enough to do well as a single, but who cares? That's 4 singles and 4 good songs, so promising stuff for the album. I'm not too sure about the b-side this time though (Without You). The singing style is a bit weird and initially off-putting. It might be one that grows on me the more I hear it (in fact I've listened to it about 4 times today and I would say I like it a bit more now than the first time I heard it).

And here's my updated list, putting the new songs in order of how much I like them from best to worst:

1. Down Under
2. The Only One
3. All Kinds of Stuff
4. Sleep When I'm Dead / The Perfect Boy
6. Freakshow
7. Without You
8. NY Trip

Re:The Cure

Posted by mao_say_tongue - 2008/08/15 17:40

I wasn't aware of the progress of the Cure's new album, glad to hear about it though. If it means anything the Cure album that's most consistently in my fave place is 'Seventeen Seconds'

Re:The Cure

Posted by epitome - 2008/08/15 23:19

Ah, Seventeen Seconds is a great little album. Never quite making my first choice, personally, but I do like it a lot. My first choice is usually torn between Disintegration, Bloodflowers and Pornography. But then Wish, Seventeen Seconds, The Cure, Faith and Kiss Me are never far behind!

Re:The Cure

Posted by epitome - 2008/09/16 02:06

Well, the EP is out now. I'm not a remix kind of guy, so I'm not sure I'll bother getting it. Anyone else getting it or already got it?

Less than a month now till the new album... it's become what I'm most looking forward to now, seeing as the pre-Gish boxset might never be and there's still no solid release date for the Residency stuff.

Re:The Cure

Posted by epitome - 2008/09/17 07:18

Well, maybe it won't be out within a month as websites have it for pre-order with a release date of October 27th. Maybe they are trying to break the record for number of release date changes, it seems to have had a lot since it was originally supposed to be out late last year.

Some good news from the Cure website though. They have an image of the cover up there and a track list:

- 01 UNDERNEATH THE STARS
- 02 THE ONLY ONE
- 03 THE REASONS WHY
- 04 FREAKSHOW
- 05 SIRENSONG
- 06 THE REAL SNOW WHITE
- 07 THE HUNGRY GHOST
- 08 SWITCH
- 09 THE PERFECT BOY
- 10 THIS. HERE AND NOW. WITH YOU
- 11 SLEEP WHEN I'M DEAD
- 12 THE SCREAM
- 13 IT'S OVER

And the best news is Robert's hint at the "Dark album" coming out in the not too distant future.

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Re:The Cure

Posted by sunky - 2008/09/17 07:25

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Im kind of the same, I've been loving the releases so far ... but not that thrilled by the remixes. That being said I still got it - hehe.

I have to say, The Perfect Boy is one of my favourite songs of this year ... classic Cure.

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Re:The Cure

Posted by PersianBellyDancer - 2008/09/17 08:41

Album's coming out in November, right?

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Re:The Cure

Posted by Shame - 2008/09/17 09:56

I want to hear the 65 days of static remix of all of them; that sounds quite cool. And I also love The perfect Boy! The b-side of that one is great too, but I also hate Freakshow with passion.

But looking at the album tracklist, Im surprised to see Underneath the stars there. I assumed they'd save that one for the darker album. Ah well; an a chance to hear a studio version of that song earlier is not something Im going to complain about!

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Re:The Cure

Posted by epitome - 2008/09/18 02:57

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Shame I cant be doing with Dance mixes.

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Re:The Cure

Posted by PersianBellyDancer - 2008/09/18 08:22

Shame wrote:

I want to hear the 65 days of static remix of all of them;

65 Days of Static opened for them on their most recent tour.

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Re:The Cure

Posted by Shame - 2008/09/20 05:11

Yeah I know. I was so upset I missed it :sigh

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Re:The Cure

Posted by PersianBellyDancer - 2008/09/20 10:41

Aw. Don't worry, I don't think Smith will be going into retirement soon, but 65 Days of Static, you'll have to catch them the next time.

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Re:The Cure

Posted by pierowmaniac - 2008/10/24 05:02

Just pre-ordered the new album....cant wait till next week :D

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Re:The Cure

Posted by Shame - 2008/10/24 05:58

Yeap; im gonna be down the CD shop on monday me thinks.

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Re:The Cure

Posted by epitome - 2008/10/25 02:12

I pre-ordered mine a while ago - I was hoping it would arrive today (as online pre-orders in the UK sometimes arrive a day or two before the release date); no such luck though :(Oh well, should be here on Monday - can't wait!

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Re:The Cure

Posted by epitome - 2008/10/27 09:56

And it's here. I got the new Cure album this morning and have given it a few listens today, whilst laying around the house ill. No really, I am, it's just a coincidence that I'm ill the day the new Cure album came out!

This was my most anticipated CD since Zeitgeist... partly because I love The Cure, and partly because it seems like I've been waiting for it for so long. I was originally expecting this about a year ago (it was first rumoured to be coming out near the end of 2007), then the release date was supposed to be spring 2008, then September 13th, then October 13th... so for the last year I've always felt it was just out of reach. Well, finally, it's here - woohoo!

But does it live up to the mammoth expectations I built up for it? To be honest, no. But then it would've had to rival Disintegration and Bloodflowers in order to live up to my hopes. But then, after the album finished the first time, the slight disappointment subsided and I realised that whilst it isn't totally amazing, it is still very good. Like all Cure albums, it definitely stands apart from all their others, though if I had to compare it with their previous work I'd say it stands closest to Wish.

Course, I've only listened to it a few times. Already this year there have been a couple of albums that didn't seem amazing on first listen but got better with each listen (Agony & Irony by Alkaline Trio and All Hope Is Gone by Slipknot). I would already put this in my top 5 albums of this year so far (although to be honest it's been a fairly poor year for new albums coming out, I think) and after several more listens maybe it will climb higher up the list.

I might add a bit more about specific songs after I've listened more and had more time to digest it, then again I might not :)

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Re:The Cure

Posted by Teej212 - 2008/11/02 11:53

i like underneath the stars- its my definite favorite.

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Re:The Cure

Posted by superchrist - 2008/11/02 12:14

I love all the songs except for "This. Here and Now. With You." and "The Scream".

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Re:The Cure

Posted by epitome - 2008/11/03 01:57

I'd have to say Underneath The Stars is my favourite too (I like the slight pschadelic rock sound it has - it makes me want a full album in that style by The Cure :)). The only track I think is a little weak is The Reasons Why, other than that I like them all.

Overall I'd probably put this as about my 7th favourite Cure album (so right in the middle of the 13 they've released).

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Re:The Cure

Posted by dougydarkangel - 2008/11/03 03:40

Crap, i havent checked up on this for a while, didnt know it was out, ill go get it tommorow! Is it still a double album? last i heard it was going to be a double

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Re:The Cure

Posted by Shame - 2008/11/03 04:54

unfortunately not. they decided to split it in 2, so theyve ust released a more upbeat record and there will be a darker one to follow next year.

As for mythoughts on the album, I kind of agree with epitome. The album is a good cure album, but its by no means a masterpiece - they havent done anything new or interesting but having said that the songwriting is still solid; which makes me look forward much more to the darker sequel (which is what I like te cure more for anyway) And i think its probably the most consistent album since wish (excluding Bloodflowers of course).

And Underneath the Stars is gonna be a classic. That song is brilliant, worth the album alone. It could have easily been taken from the disintegration sessions; absolutely amazing.

The rest of the album does seem a bit like a sort of compilation of Cure styles, ala Kiss me; not sure if that was because it was their 30 year album. But now that that obligation is out the way, the next par should be masterful!

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Re:The Cure

Posted by doomsdayclock - 2008/11/03 06:48

superchrist wrote:

I love all the songs except for "This. Here and Now. With You." and "The Scream".

agree with that... don't like the scream..

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Re:The Cure

Posted by epitome - 2008/11/04 00:40

I was disappointed that the album, intended to be a double CD, was cut into two seperate albums. But now that I've heard it, I'm glad. I don't think the songs would've been quite good enough to keep interest for two hours and it might be nicer to have one album just of darker songs after all.

Personally I like The Scream. I like the way it gradually builds up, although it does then fall apart slightly right at the end.

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Re:The Cure

Posted by pierowmaniac - 2008/11/04 05:14

I think "The Scream" is the best if not one of the best tracks on the album. I think its near the end of this album to pave the way for the darker album.

If "The Scream" is a taster of the darker stuff then, im certainly going to be a happy bunny when its released. :D

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Re:The Cure

Posted by epitome - 2008/11/04 06:18

I like the way 4:13 Dream builds up, particularly when it hits the last two tracks which are pretty rocking. The Scream is good and It's Over is cool too - in a very similar style to 39 and Bloodflowers from the album Bloodflowers (though to be honest, not as good).

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Re:The Cure

Posted by superchrist - 2008/11/04 06:33

I LOVE "The Reasons Why", "The Real Snow White", and "The Hungry Ghost"! And yes I still love "The Only One" as well.

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Re:The Cure

Posted by dougydarkangel - 2008/11/04 06:33

Sounds great, i forgot to get it today, haha, and i spent all my money on fallout 3, guess ill just download it in the meantime

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