

## BOAT RECORDS POP!s WITH KA-BOOM!BOX

Madison Punk Veterans Deliver Crossover Dance/Pop Synthesis  
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MADISON, WI -- **Ka-Boom!Box** detonates their first EP, **POP!** Recorded with Coney Island's Wendy Schneider, **POP!** is an exuberant blend of reggae, electronica and afro-Caribbean grooves that sets carefully crafted songs against a wall of percussion and a swirling palette of rich synth and guitar tones. Created by a seasoned contingent of noted Madison and Chicago-based musicians, **POP!** recalls Bow Wow Wow, Steel Pulse, Lene Lovitch and Blondie.

Robin Davies (bass) and Dan Bitney (drums and percussion) recap their roles as the powerful rhythm section of Madison's mighty **Tar Babies**, a Midwest punk/funk success story who signed with **SST Records** and released the landmark *Fried Milk* in 1987. Dan Bitney now plays primarily with post-rock pioneers **Tortoise**, and Davies moonlights as the drummer for Madison rocker favorites **The Motor Primitives**. (The third member of the original Tar Babies, Bucky Pope, frequently guests live on the Ka-Boom!Box cover of Madonna's "Lucky Star.")

Adam Powell (keyboards, vocals, turntables), a veteran of Madison's **Cruel** and several San Francisco salsa bands, connected Laura Miller (vocals and melodica) and Eastside J-Dub (turntables and electronic drums) to Davies and Bitney. The group has quickly established themselves as a unique and electrifying presence on the party and DJ circuit, winning fans and rapidly ascending the club scene.

Rodney Anderson, who worked with Davies and Bitney in **Booty Froot**, joined in as guitar craftsman. Laying funk grooves against blistering solos, Anderson creates a thrilling counterpoint to the vinyl samples and scratches contributed by Powell and J-Dub. Miller adds her own lo-fi human element, infusing the crackling mix with simple, honeyed vocal lines.

The band holds a residency at Mickey's Tavern as the **Ka-Boom!Box DJ Explosion** on the first Saturday of each month, where they come armed with vinyl to produce a highly danceable flip-side to their live set.

### **POP!** Track Listing

1. "Let It Drop"
2. "Show Me The Way"
3. "Strange Girl"
4. "Coming In Threes"
5. "The Night The Stars Threw Down Their Spears"

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