

# MUMMYPOWDER

janne lehtinen (treeball):  
vocals and guitar

johan turbanov (scandinavian  
music group): guitar

heikki tikka (krispies,  
kauko röyhkä & narttu): drums

aleksi mänttari  
(the sensitives, waltari): bass



Exactly five years ago Mummypowder flew to New York to play their tenth gig at the legendary CBGB's club, with only their freshly released first EP 'I Think I'm Pregnant' in their hands. From there they continued to Austin, Texas, to play at the South by Southwest Festival. Despite the lack of earlier releases, this proved a success; media-wise, playing in the United States is the smartest move you can make — in Finland, at least. The successes didn't end there; Mummypowder's first album, 'The Heavyweight Champions' (Straightedge Records/WEA), came out a year later and received quite a few rave reviews, and judging from various emails and comments received over the years, had an effect in the way some Finnish pop bands make music.

This second Mummypowder album, 'V. Strange' is, in effect, a solo album by the band's main man, Janne Lehtinen. Save for an odd appearance by the band's present guitar player Johan Turbanov and some other guests, the record was written, performed, produced, recorded, mixed and mastered by the band's main man, Janne Lehtinen mostly on his own equipment.

Though eagerly awaited by many people who loved the first album, there was over four years of silence between the first two albums, and the band will be a new acquaintance to many. This shouldn't present a problem even for the most unprepared of listeners though, as despite its high artistic goals, uncompromised approach to its making, and a lyrical theme that carries throughout the record, this record has its definite pop hit moments.

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