

Boring Machines

presents: **Father Murphy ...and He told us to turn to the Sun**

Artist: Father Murphy
Title: ...and He told us to turn to the Sun
Label: Boring Machines
Format: CD deluxe ecopack
Duration: 9 tracks, 35 minutes

Street date: December 1st, 2008



*Come all you warriors and renowned nobles
Give ear unto my warlike theme.
No time for other Legends, it's awareness we do aim at.
A common religious sense pervades Us all,
against the heresy, the heresy that grows.*

Father Murphy is an Italian trio comprised of *Reverend freddie Murphy* (vocals, guitar), *Chiara Lee* (vocals, keyboards, chinese percussions) and *Vittorio Demarin* (drums, viola, vocals). Born in Treviso, northern Italy, from the ashes of freddie's several previous musical projects, Father Murphy with just one album and a plethora of ep's and limited releases became one of the most mysterious and enigmatic musical entities coming out of Italy. If their first album *Six Musicians getting unknown* was still somewhat rooted in twisted psychedelic pop and sounded vaguely related to **Os Mutantes** and Italian psych pop masters **Jennifer Gentle**, the new record is a bold statement and a significant step ahead - out of every familiar musical genre and right into the darkness. Recorded in San Crisostomo in Bombanella church between the end of 2007 and the beginning of 2008, *And He told us to turn to the sun* maybe was born like a rather weird attempt to a concept album about religion, but surely sounds like a collection of dark, foreboding songs that crawl and twist and hiss like that old biblical serpent.

Think of Gnostic masses, kabbalistic chanting, chiming little bells, tinny Gregorian-like drones played on toy-keyboards and the subtle but inescapable influence of 70's Italian horror rock acts like **Jacula** and you will have some of the ingredients that make Father Murphy's music. Add a good deal of lunacy and enough humour to keep the gloom away (just because you cannot take yourself that seriously) and the album is here, in all its strangely beguiling simplicity. Song after song, from the initial semi-pop outburst of "*We were colonists*" to ascetic, almost medieval atmospheres of *Go Sinister*, the entire lp feels like a truly different, warped experience. Think of Alan Sparhawk's **Low** doing versions of *Twilight furniture* from **This Heat** or *Milk it* from **Nirvana**. When the final, 10-minutes mastodon "*In their graves*" creeps in with all the agility of a primordial doom-metal beast slowly sucked in a prehistoric swamp, everything comes full circle: an uneasy, compelling, furiously heretic yet sandblasted in Catholicism little album that could come only out of Italy.

As usual Boring Machines packaging are extremely fine. This time is a triple-layer game of transparencies and shapes, graphic idea is from Vihn N'go and layout is by Be Invisible Now! at Sons of.

"Compliments to Michael Gira for pointing Dream Magazine in the direction of this intriguing Italian psychedelic outfit. Lumpy and smooth lurching uneven constructions suffused with oblique passions and simmering intensity. As the title aptly indicates there's a vaguely sinister quality to the music these folks make. Even the lighter moments have a slightly uneasy nightmarish undertone to them, but in a completely natural and unforced way. A mix of male and female vocalists, loudness and subtlety, and a wide range of stylistic influences blended into something quite unique. Though they sing everything in English they have a distinctively Italian feeling. In a world of cookie-cutter imitators, it's very refreshing to find something so disturbingly and provocatively unique. These folks also sent along a great CD-R of their upcoming album "...And He Told Us to Turn to the Sun" which is perhaps even more intense, edgy and fascinating than Do the Sinister. This is definitely a band to keep an eye and ear open for." **Dream Magazine review by George Parsons**

Press: boringmachines.it - onga@boringmachines.it | Marco Damiani - sillyboyent@hotmail.com

Booking: Italy: Marco Stangherlin - info@wakeupandream.net | Federico - federico@maledetto.it

Germany: Patrizia Frada - info@musicrelations.com

Europe: Twisted Robot - midnighttoconnor@yahoo.com

US: Federico - federico@maledetto.it

You can help by please forwarding any review/playlist to onga@boringmachines.it

Downloadable press-kit on artist's profile on **boringmachines.it**