



## JENNIFER GENTLE

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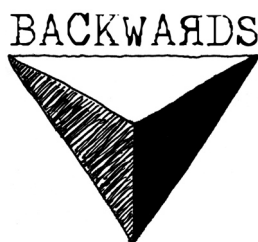
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## DESCRIPTION

**Jennifer Gentle** are one of the most idiosyncratic Italian bands ever. Led by singer, guitarist, and sometimes only member **Marco Fasolo**, they started their career in the early Noughties as slightly stoned-out-of-their-minds teens equally able to manage short psych pop explosions and 20-minute brain-melting freakouts. They quickly recorded a couple of self-released albums that raised some interest abroad and became the first Italian band to sign to American label Sub Pop, releasing two critically acclaimed albums in quick succession: 2005's *Valende* (an exercise in hyperactive, sparkling pop mixed with pastoral acoustic vignettes) then followed in 2007 by the much darker and convoluted *The Midnight Room* (described in a Mojo review as "**Syd Barrett** lost in a 20's Berlin cabaret"). After 2008, Marco Fasolo preferred to concentrate on production and soundtrack work. He came back in 2013 with the **Universal Daughters'** album *Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me?*, a beautifully heart-breaking charity project involving collaborations with the likes of **Jarvis Cocker**, **Alan Vega**, **Gavin Friday**, **Chris Robinson**, **Ed Harcourt**, and many more. In 2018, together with **Liam Watson** (**White Stripes**, **Thee Headcoats**, etc.), Fasolo produced (at Toe Rag Studio in London) the first album by Turkish musician **Umut Adan**, later released to glowing reviews by UK label Riverboat Records. Also in 2018, Fasolo arranged and produced the first album by *I Hate My Village*, an Italian supergroup whose psychedelic take on Afro-funk has become a hugely successful live attraction: he later joined the band as a permanent member. Now it's 2019 and Marco Fasolo and Jennifer Gentle are officially back with their new, self-titled album. Immaculately produced by Fasolo himself, it's a sprawling, full-bodied release touching all of Fasolo's musical obsessions: it effortlessly bounces from a breezy soul glam, goofy funk, intricate baroque ballads, **Joe Meek**-like instrumentals, and the trademark JG zippy psychedelia, without ever losing its focus on mood and detailed song construction. By far their most complete and accessible album, *Jennifer Gentle* is above all an immersive listening experience and new evidence of Fasolo's unique songwriting, arranging, and producing abilities: a sometimes pensive, sometimes joyful musical parade to be absorbed as a whole.

## TRACKLISTING

01. Oscuro
02. Just Because
03. Beautiful Girl
04. Love You Joe
05. Temptation
06. Guilty
07. Argento
08. Only In Heaven
09. Do You Hear Me Now?
10. You Know Why
11. More Than Ever
12. Swine Herd
13. Spectrum
14. What In The World
15. My Inner Self
16. Where Are You
17. Theme

## HIGHLIGHTS

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