



COMATEENS 1980-1985

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DESCRIPTION

In the fall of 1978, after working with a series of bands, New York-based musician and composer **Nick West** became interested in experimenting with minimalism, collaborating with guitarist and songwriter **Ramona Jan** and **Lyn Byrd**. They decided to play pure pop but to substitute a primitive electronic beatbox for a human drummer. The result was **Comateens**, becoming one of the first groups to discard the traditional sounds and line-ups used by everyone else in New York City's downtown music scene of the late 1970s. In 1980, Nick's brother **Oliver** joined them as guitarist, and after going on to release three major label albums – *Comateens* (1981), *Pictures On A String* (1983), and *Deal With It* (1984) – and with some successful tours and dance-club hits behind them, the band split up following the terribly untimely death of Oliver in June 1987. However, in 1988, Virgin Records issued another LP entitled *West & Byrd*, recorded by Nick and Lyn as a duo, and in 1991 released a retrospective compilation called *One By One: Best Of Comateens*, now a rare and much sought-after record among collectors of new wave music. Acclaimed by **Etienne Daho**, the band has made a name for itself with the singles "Late Night City", "Get Off My Case", and "Don't Come Back". *1980-1985* collects the band's three major label albums. Triple-LP comes in gatefold sleeve; includes eight-page booklet, printed inner sleeves, and download code.

TRACKLISTING

Comateens (1981):

- A1. Ghosts
- A2. Late Night City
- A3. One By One
- A4. TVC 15
- A5. All Ways
- A6. Summer in the City
- B1. Nightmare
- B2. Strangler
- B3. Overseas
- B4. The Munsters Theme
- B5. Raceway
- B6. Keep The Pace

Pictures On A String (1983):

- C1. Get Off my Case
- C2. The Late Mistake
- C3. Ice Machine
- C4. Comateens
- C5. Pictures on a String
- C6. Garbanzo
- D1. Uptown
- D2. Cinnamon
- D3. Cold Eyes
- D4. Desert Song
- D5. Donna
- D6. Crime Time



TRICATEL EXCLUSIVE REISSUE, INCLUDING THE ALBUMS « COMATEENS », « PICTURES ON A STRING » AND « DEAL WITH IT », GATEFOLD, 8 PAGES BOOKLET, PRINTED INNER SLEEVES AND DOWNLOADING CARD.

Deal With It (1984):

- E1. Resist Her
- E2. Confessions
- E3. Love Will Follow You
- E4. Satin Hop
- E5. Deal With It
- F1. Nightmare
- F2. Walking Watching
- F3. Don't Come Back
- F4. Jo-Ni
- F5. Ask Yourself

HIGHLIGHTS

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