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CYMBALS EAT GUITARS PRETTY YEARS - LP/CD

- Past North American sales: 5k
- Produced by John Congleton
- Touring now through end of 2016
- National College & Specialty Radio Campaign via AAM & TAYF
- Album announced in May with single "Wish" via Pitchfork

Pretty Years, the wildly ambitious fourth LP for Cymbals Eat Guitars, is easily the band's most sonically enigmatic and most rewarding album yet. Their trademark cacophonous guitar rock and innate propulsion are still abundant, but they're buttressed by raucous synth and keyboard lines, and an extemporaneous saxophone performance, which enrich when they could easily clutter these songs. The band also worked more quickly and efficiently than they had in the past, facilitated by years on the road in which they've played close to a thousand shows, which rendered them a tight, fully-oiled machine in the studio.

Opener "Finally" shimmers with complex beauty, leading into the sweet rush of "Have a Heart," which finds lead singer and guitarist Joseph D'Agostino singing, "I'm so out of sync / And you're out of sync with me," which could well be a mantra for the visceral appeal of this superb record. The entire album is rife with electrified, flashbulb moments—"4th of July, Philadelphia (SANDY)" conveys the madness of life on the road, exhibiting D'Agostino's uncanny ability to transform minutiae into profundity. This skill is evident in spades on the record's centerpiece and opus, the disarmingly vulnerable "Dancing Days." The song also exhibits the contributions of Whipple, and slyly invokes the album's title in its magisterial chorus, as D'Agostino contritely croons, "Goodbye to my pretty years."

And indeed, *Pretty Years* is a roller coaster ride, both lyrically and sonically, that encompasses what it's like to be alive and in the moment. But ultimately, this is an album that keenly captures the magic and loss attendant to living life wide-eyed, and hints that these "pretty years" may portend even prettier ones to come.



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01. Finally
02. Have a Heart
03. Wish
04. Close
05. Dancing Days
06. 4th of July, Philadelphia (SANDY)
07. Beam
08. Mallwalking
09. WELL
10. Shrine

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LP FORMAT: 12" LP + MP3s
LP BOXLOT: 45
EXPORT: WORLD
VINYL NON-RETURNABLE



CD UPC: 858458005401

CD FORMAT: JEWEL CASE WITH O-CARD
CD BOXLOT: 30
EXPORT: WORLD



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"On the lead single from this year's *Pretty Years*, these young Americans have gone full 'Tenth Avenue Freeze Out,' embracing '70s rock in all its brassy pomp and soulful stomp. When these guys said they wanted to make a more energetic album, they must have meant one you could dance to."
- Stereogum

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