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Vertical Scratchers

Daughter of Everything



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| 1. Wait No Longer | 8. Kingdom Come |
| 2. Turn Me Out | 9. Someone |
| 3. Memory Shards | 10. Run Around |
| 4. Pretend U Are Free | 11. These Plains |
| 5. Way Out | 12. Get Along Like U |
| 6. Chambermaids | 13. My Only Want |
| 7. U Dug Us All | 14. Rainbows |
| | 15. The End |

Vertical Scratchers is John Schmursal (ex-Brainiac/Enon, live Caribou, and Crooks on Tape) and Christian Beaulieu (ex-Triclops!/Anywhere).

Vertical Scratchers formed in Los Angeles in 2012. John and Christian met at a Thanksgiving party, began hanging out, and then just decided to be a band together. John says, "I love Christian's drumming because he approaches it like a songwriter, as he is one in his own right. There aren't really drum fills—more like rhythmic accents that punctuate what is happening at that point in the song itself."

One of the most persistent elements you will hear throughout the record is the percussive nature in which the guitars were played and recorded. Guitar playing is vertical scratching, and in this band, the guitar strums are almost louder than the amps. John explains, "Part of the aesthetic we were establishing when writing Vertical Scratchers songs was to maintain a sense of urgency and raw energy without relying on volume and distortion. I wanted the guitars to sound light and jangly, and most songs were purposefully sung in a soft falsetto."

Most Vertical Scratchers songs clock in under the two-minute mark but often go in twice as many directions as your average-length song. Pop deception. Think the Kinks with a Buzzcocks brevity.

Daughter of Everything was recorded live in Los Angeles at The Smell in September of 2012. The special guest appearance lead vocal from Robert Pollard was recorded at Waterloo Sound in Ohio by Todd Tobias.

KEY POINTS:

- **Vertical Scratchers is Christian Beaulieu on drums and John Schmursal on harmony, melody and words**
- **Guest vocals by Bob Pollard on "Get Along Like Us"**
- **North American tour in March and April; will include SXSW in Austin, Texas**