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Artist: The Beeps

Title: Music For Awkward Situations

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Rating: +++++ (5 out of 5 stars)

The Beeps are a New York-based septet with a sound borrowed mainly from the sixties and all the classic James Bond theme tunes. However, they aren't stuck in the past; the band may take their cues from a bygone era but their music also draws in elements of more modern bands like Stereolab, Portishead and The (International) Noise Conspiracy.

There's really nothing bad to say about this album; the music is perfect, written and performed with fantastic style and it is topped off by Sue Krush's awesome voice. The edge given by the slightly cynical but basically happy lyrics pulls it all together and a healthy sense of sarcasm (as displayed on *The Jesus Song* and *We'll Keep The Peace*) serves to make the listener even more comfortable, as if you'd known these people your whole life and they just happened to be playing you some music. (AM)



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