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## The Wiz returns with a Shocker....

Posted by Joe Wiz - 15-05-2008 19:21

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Does anyone vaguely agree with me that the two Alphabeat singles have been possibly the most exciting and brilliant pop records of the decade.

The first time I heard "Fascination", I was reminded of the same rush I got when I first heard "I wanna hold your hand", it's trite I know, but it made me feel for a brief second that anything was possible.

And they turned down the Spice Girls tour support slot last year. Of course.

This is "Fascination" - <http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=QvD6maGRh7c>

Views would be interesting.

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## Re:The Wiz returns with a Shocker....

Posted by Auntie Beryl - 15-05-2008 19:52

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And largely negative, I would imagine.

I saw them live last Friday, as it happens. They lacked merit.

Not sure I'm with you here Joe - what's the appeal beyond the second or third play, once the saccharine wears off?

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## Re:The Wiz returns with a Shocker....

Posted by Joe Wiz - 15-05-2008 20:19

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I just like the energy of it, the joy of it all. Difficult to explain really.

As this proves.

Meh.

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## Re:The Wiz returns with a Shocker....

Posted by Pan Tau - 15-05-2008 20:58

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I thought we were going to enjoy a thread on this:

<http://www.mjfanclub.net/home/images/stories/thewiz.jpg>

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## Re:The Wiz returns with a Shocker....

Posted by evilC - 16-05-2008 00:16

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Heh!

I can't help thinking that locked away in an attic somewhere there's a really bad portrait of Michael Jackson.

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## Re:The Wiz returns with a Shocker....

Posted by imp - 16-05-2008 01:21

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"They lacked merit." (Auntie Beryl) I think that's the best music critique I've read in my whole life.

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## Re:The Wiz returns with a Shocker....

Posted by The Purple Cow - 16-05-2008 16:01

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They remind me of 'Fellow Hoodlums' era Deacon Blue.

So it's a 'Lacks Merit' from me as well, I'm afraid.

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## Re:The Wiz returns with a Shocker....

Posted by Auntie Beryl - 16-05-2008 19:33

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They remind me of 'Fellow Hoodlums' era Deacon Blue.

Ouch!

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## Re:The Wiz returns with a Shocker....

Posted by Spearmint Rhino - 17-05-2008 09:58

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Previous thread (although you'd be forgiven for missing it).

For once, I agree with Mr Wiz 100%.

I saw Alphabeat in Brighton last night and they were glorious. "Lacked merit"?! Do me a fucking favour, Grandads. Pure uplifting optimistic scandypop. Not a dud song in the whole set. I haven't heard the album yet but it's shaping up to be as all-killer-no-filler as the Scissor Sisters' debut. The girl's voice is stunning, too.

The gig was in a crowded pub, and Seymour Stein (the man who signed Madonna, Ramones and Talking Heads) was dancing on one of the tables. He knows a thing or two.

Anyone who doesn't like Alphabeat doesn't like pop, and you can go boil yer 'eads.

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## Re:The Wiz returns with a Shocker....

Posted by hobbes - 17-05-2008 12:19

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Fascination = Modern Love

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## Re:The Wiz returns with a Shocker....

Posted by Spearmint Rhino - 17-05-2008 13:51

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hobbes wrote:  
Fascination = Modern Love

See previous thread.

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## Re:The Wiz returns with a Shocker....

Posted by hobbes - 17-05-2008 13:54

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Great minds think alike, eh?

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## Re:The Wiz returns with a Shocker....

Posted by Auntie Beryl - 18-05-2008 00:34

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SR is playing the "if you don't like this pop, you hate all pop" card.

He's wrong.

This is like the Bananarama discussion in the old world where that fool attempted the same gambit with the Swain-Jolley vs S/A/W stuff. Fundamentalist but incorrect. Shit pop music remains shit pop music.

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## Re:The Wiz returns with a Shocker....

Posted by Joe Wiz - 02-06-2008 23:15

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The album si brilliant, of course.

Probably the second best \*pop\* record of the decade so far, after "The Sound Of Girls Aloud". Or maybe the first Timberlake album.

Meh.

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## Re:The Wiz returns with a Shocker....

Posted by The Horse - 03-06-2008 12:47

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I just heard Fascination and was about to observe that it's Deacon Blue singing Modern Love, but both parts of that withering critique have already been done. Oh well.

Anyway, yeah. Average.

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## Re:The Wiz returns with a Shocker....

Posted by The Moral Animal - 04-06-2008 09:39

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Fascination and 10,000 Nights Of Thunder are great.

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