

Karl Blau

Dance POSITIVE

Bret Lunsford from cult hit **Beat Happening** is paid deep tribute by **Karl Blau**, who restyles **Lunsford's D+** lyrics (the band made of **Blau, Lunsford** and **Phil Elvrum** of **Microphones/Mt. Eerie** fame) here on *Dance POSITIVE*. **Blau** takes the words to 9 songs released previously on various **D+** recordings (and one only Karl and Phil and maybe Bret's family have heard. **Blau** then runs them with dance beats and echo machines metamorphising the style completely to give **Lunsford's** words new positions. And though the lyrics are the same, **Blau** embellishes the vocal melodies, at times changing them completely. **Blau** says of **Lunsford's** lyrics, "They are an accomplice to aid our collective spirit through (let's face it) these often dark, troubled times of being people on Earth."

Blau handpicked NorthWest artists to help portray **Lunsford's** songs. **Steve Moore** of **Sunn, Earth and Laura Veirs' Saltbreakers** plays trombone and synths on the first half of the recordings, while drummer **James McAlister** of **Sufjan Stevens** and **Ester Drang** plays the "fattest beat you've ever heard" on "Megadose." Also in the crew: **Clyde Petersen (Your Heart Breaks)**, **Nate Ashley (the Graves)**, **Dave Matthies (Gift Machine)**, **Tony Presley (Real Live Tigers)**, **Lily Maring (Yes, Please)**, **Curtis Knapp (Watery Graves)**, **Adam Forkner (Yume Bitsu, ((vvrssnn))**, **White Rainbow**), and Karl's brother **Eddy Blau** plays the catchy trumpet line on "Heatherwood." Harkening to a previous release-- from **Blau's** obscure **Kelp! Monthly** label-- *Dubble Dooty Booty* where **Blau** samples beats and then layers various tambres to achieve a ghetto-blaster fullness, *Dance POSITIVE* inspires a **Sun City Girls**-esque thought + movement.

***Blau** backs **Laura Veirs** on her last 3 CDs including her newest *Saltbreakers* album, Spring 2007 **Nonesuch Records**

***Dance POSITIVE** also follows **K Records Karl Blau** release *Beneath Waves*, Spring 2006

***Blau** will be touring with **Laura Veirs** in her band opening up shows featuring **Dance POSITIVE** in Europe and in the U.S. through Spring 2007, plus solo US tour for **Dance POSITIVE** in June.



"Karl Blau makes Musicians' Music, he makes Artists' Art!"
 -anon.



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