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TIN PAN ALLEY/'VEGAS (Higher Road Records 1997)

Vermont natives' Tin Pan Alley are at it again with their pulsating guitar/hard driving rock backed with original sound and lyrics. This time with their latest release, 'Vegas. The band consists of Duane Carleton: Vocals, Guitar, Steve Mulholland: Bass Vocals, Bob Boyer: Vocals, Drums, Percussion, Mandolin. Track one starts the cd with the impressive "Primadonna", explosive guitar beats to begin matched with catchy lyrics about an obvious madonna of the '90's. The song also evokes the aggressive rhythm work provided by Mulholland and Boyer. "Wading In The Sun", "King Of Me", and "I Am", three Alley tunes fans will definitely identify, "Wild Dogs" takes you on the softer side of the Alley repertoire. The song is lyrically sound, with an uptempo acoustic melody, featuring a piano and cello. "Vegas" "Bright lights, big city-shine no more-my gift my pity-your time has come and gone" finishes with an excellent jam. The cd ends with the rocking "Faeries Wear Boots". The cd implements passion for the simple structure of the '80's/90's classic style rock. Influences throughout the cd range from Sabbath to Haynes. In this day of multi mix styles, it's nice to hear something real that's well composed. 10 tracks 35 mins.