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## Recent Reviews:

### A Problem's Just A Problem:

"UK's OVERHAUL and latest track 'A Problem's Just A Problem,' a fuzzy guitar and distorted piece of rock and grunge with just a little touch of American punk, but rather than angry or despondent, it's a cry for hope and optimism". - **Loud Enough? Magazine**

"Overhaul, the irrepressible alt rock/post punk power trio from Glasgow have just released a stonking new single

"A Problem's Just A Problem". The Overhaul renaissance continues as the alt punk scene veterans' re-emergence as a growing voice throughout the UK alternative music scene and beyond gathers pace. This single is another taster of what's to come this November when they will release their new album "Time Flies By".

Since their return to front line action Overhaul have released a string of very different but very engaging and entertaining singles showcasing their broad range of musical styles and their versatility as musicians.

This new single has a mesmerising psychedelic organ intro which instantly reminded me of the late great Grant Hart's solo albums. This single has a stark, melancholy feel to it with a post punk undercurrent and more than a nod to some of Neil Young's seminal work.

One of Overhaul's great strengths is their ability to switch between musical styles effortlessly. These guys refuse to be labelled or pigeon-holed. They adopt a free form approach to alternative rock and post hardcore punk as they explore each sub-genre and every other level and corner between the two. That is why I look forward to every new Overhaul release as I can guarantee it will sound nothing like its predecessor.

"A Problem's Just A Problem" is an atmospheric and yet cutting indictment into the modern world we live in and the constant need to seek out conflict and division instead of exploring every avenue to exist in peaceful harmony. Is this a protest song? Do you know what? It could be. The thought provoking and poignant lyrics could definitely be considered as such.

I am continually impressed by Overhaul and their constantly changing and challenging signature sound.

These well travelled and influential alternative troubadours have an endless supply of creativity and talent and that is why I am tagging along with these guys for the long haul. Why don't you come and join us!" - **Accidental Music Reviewer**

Scottish rock/alternative band “OVERHAUL have released their latest single, “A Problem’s Just A Problem,” out August 8 via TLG Rock / Virgin Music. It’s the fourth track from their upcoming album *Times Flies By*, due November 7.

Frontman Andy Gallagher drew inspiration from legendary protest singers of the past for the track, according to a statement from the band.

“In 1969 John Lennon wrote ‘Give Peace A Chance’,” read the statement. “When Andy was writing ‘A Problem’s Just A Problem’ he wanted to do something similar but then asks the question, why almost 60 years later are we all still saying the same thing? Give peace a chance!!!”

The track pairs a driving, mid-tempo groove with ringing guitar lines and a vocal delivery that balances urgency with reflection. It’s a message-driven cut that still carries the band’s melodic rock edge.

OVERHAUL’s recent singles have shown their range, from the guitar-heavy punch of “Whoop It Up” (featuring Jeff Worley of JACKYL) to the 80s-flavored “Happy Little Rocker” co-written with Trace Foster. With “A Problem’s Just A Problem,” they add a socially conscious anthem to their run of releases, setting the stage for their upcoming album and supporting tour dates to come.” -

**Digitalwax**

### **Spanish Lilt:**

“Scottish post punk, alt rock power trio Overhaul are back with a sublime new single entitled "Spanish Lilt".

This is a change of direction from their normal material in that this track is more introspective and atmospheric, proving the diversity and versatility of this seasoned and talented threesome.

This track features past collaborators Dan Murphy (The Scarlet Goodbye/Soul Asylum/Golden Smog) and on backing vocals Astrid Young, sister of recent Glastonbury headliner Neil Young.

"Spanish Lilt" is a deep and haunting song nothing like Overhaul's recent singles. This is a multi-layered atmospheric and emotionally charged song. It has strong country and outlaw rock influences and a kind of noir mystery feel about it. This is a song that is easy to lose yourself in and forget about the real world around you, if only for five minutes. The production and mixing on this track is outstanding and creates an all encompassing sound that constantly swirls around you throughout the duration of the song.

Overhaul's veteran tunesmiths, Andy Gallagher on guitar and lead vocals, Kenny Johnson on bass and John Malone on drums have broadened their already expansive musical horizons with this fascinating track.

This is a band who have seen it, done it, and bought the tee shirt as veterans of the past couple of decades in the alternative post punk scene. They have played and consorted with some legendary names in alternative music. Now as they continue in their new phase of their musical journey they are starting to show just how insanely talented they are.

"Spanish Lilt" captures a dark, brooding essence of retrospective desert rock with a post punk undercurrent and modern alternative rock spirit which just adds to the song's mysterious appeal.

If you don't know this band yet, I strongly recommend that you take the plunge and be forever changed and a bit more musically enlightened than you were before." - **Accidental Music Reviewer**

“Scottish Rock Band OVERHAUL returns with New Single “Spanish Lilt” Ahead of Forthcoming Album ‘Time Flies By’

The track marks a notable departure from their previous releases, showcasing a more haunting and introspective sound that underscores the band’s evolving artistry.

The single features contributions from two longtime collaborators. Dan Murphy has an extensive background, including work with The Scarlet Goodbye, Soul Asylum, and Golden Smog. He plays E-bow guitar, Wurlitzer, and provides harmony vocals on the track. Astrid Young, who has performed alongside Neil Young, adds backing vocals. Their involvement enriches the track’s atmospheric and emotionally resonant sound.

“Spanish Lilt” diverges from the more energetic tone of OVERHAUL’s earlier singles, presenting a laid-back yet thought-provoking piece. Its cinematic quality evokes the suspenseful tension of a Hitchcock film, while the lyrics possess storytelling intensity reminiscent of Bruce Springsteen — leaving listeners both transfixed and moved.

“Spanish Lilt” is the third single released ahead of OVERHAUL’s forthcoming album, Time Flies By, which is scheduled for release on November 7 through TLG Rock and Virgin Music. The band has also announced a supporting tour, with dates to be confirmed.

Time Flies By is poised to further establish OVERHAUL’s place in the rock and alternative scene, blending evocative songwriting with textured instrumentation. Fans and new listeners alike can look forward to a record that captures an emotional depth and stylistic expansiveness.” - **DigitalWax**

### **Happy Little Rocker:**

“I just listened to Overhaul (Happy Little Rocker), and I gotta say-it's a great song! The guitar sounds are so nice, they really resonate with my soul. You did an amazing job! Also, I love the Overhaul art-such a nice photo of you guys! - **Shane Woznick (Indie documentary/Film maker)**

“Glasgow's celebrated veterans of the post punk/alt rock scene Overhaul have just released their electrifying new single "Happy Little Rocker". The band's second age and sonic renaissance began in January with the fantastic single "Whoop It Up".

This new track sees the thundering trio joined on guitar by Dan Murphy from US alt grunge legends Soul Asylum. "Happy Little Rocker" is a catchy, colourful riff heavy romp guaranteed to get your feet tapping and head bobbing right away.

Overhaul create a kaleidoscope of musical influences and elements from the last four decades to enhance and colour their own distinct sound. References to the guitar sound of the legendary Bob Mould, the intensity of Stone Temple Pilots and the tuneful melodies of the previously mentioned Soul Asylum.

This band are highly skilled musicians and talented tunesmiths who continue to trail-blaze and fly the flag for UK alternative guitar bands who can really pack a punch and go toe to toe with any similar sounding band you could care to mention. Their sound is invigorating, dynamic and incredibly entertaining. Their layered, textured and superbly structured sound is an absolute joy to listen to, and right now, I cannot get enough.

This powerhouse threesome consists of Andy Gallagher - guitar and lead vocals, Kenny Johnson - bass and John Malone on drums and backing vocals.

Overhaul are an extremely tight and innovative band who are more than ready to stage the mother of all comebacks to sate their army of loyal fans and no doubt entice more newer and younger followers to their cause.

Overhaul have struck a fine balance between their post punk roots and melodic, upbeat modern alternative rock which will enthrall and excite dedicated fans of edgy heavy punk n' roll influenced rock music. They have definitely whetted my appetite for their stylish brand of alt rock/post punk and I am ravenous for more.

"Happy Little Rocker" is an instantly likeable and highly contagious alternative rock track guaranteed to be your unshakeable earworm of the week." - **Accidental Music Reviewer**

"Rock/alternative trio, OVERHAUL have announced the band's upcoming single, "Happy Little Rocker," which is set to hit the airwaves this Friday.

The single follows the recently released "[Whoop It Up](#)," and true to the mission statement of the band, is heavy on guitar, melody, and attitude.

Featuring the guitar work of The Scarlet Goodbye's Dan Murphy – formerly of Soul Asylum and Golden Smog – "Happy Little Rocker" brings a throwback vibe which harkens back to much of the adrenalized rock of the 1980s, with the tune itself having been characterized as, "a cross between Cheap Trick and Van Halen with plenty of OVERHAUL presence.

The track opens with groove-heavy, pounding drums with some vibraphone thrown in for good measure. Additional instrumentation gradually enters the fray, steadily building up the arrangement prior to the entry point of the vocals. OVERHAUL is in no rush here to get to the "meat and potatoes" as it were, taking their time and letting the arrangement breathe and expand with the addition of sonic elements before launching into the track's first verse section.

Along with the group's signature emphasis on rocking guitar passages, listeners also get a heaping helping of the band's characteristic gang vocal stylings throughout the verses of

“Happy Little Rocker.” Things come to a climax with the execution of a ripping melodic solo that is given plenty of time to stretch out and tell a story harmonically. The impressive section never quite approaches “blistering” territory, instead placing an emphasis on phrasing and rhythm for a lead section akin to the work of highly influential players like Ace Freshley and Angus Young.

Co-written by Andy Gallagher and Trace Foster of Close Enemies, “Happy Little Rocker” will be available everywhere on March 7, 2025, through [Virgin Music](#) and The Label Group.” - **Digital Wax**

### **Whoop It Up:**

UK's Overhaul and 'Whoop It Up!' a piece of rock and roll that from the opening bars screams time to get those dancing shoes on and get down with the feelgood vibes. It's bright, bouncy, with tight grooves and rock rhythms and it has the slick and easy playing that fills the music with soul. - **Loud Enough? Magazine**