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### Thumbs Up/Down (2007)

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**THE WHOLE NEW USUALS**  
*presents Martin Moeh*  
**Me and the Machine Records 2007**

"It's like Frank Zappa meets electroshock therapy. To some of you this may be a good thing; to me it's a blaring headache."

--George Dionne

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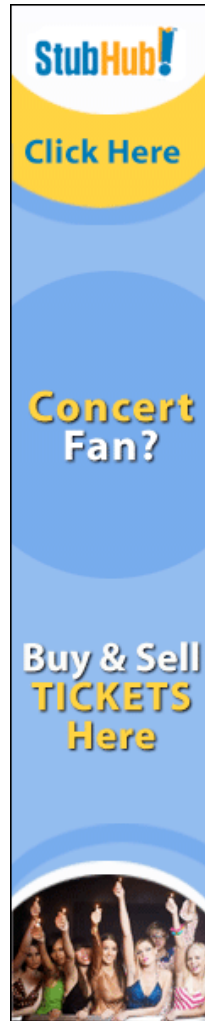


**FABER DRIVE**  
*Seven Second Surgery*  
**Universal Republic 2007**

"A surgery that you'll actually be looking forward to and hoping that it never ends."

--George Dionne

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**LEAVING EDEN**  
*Desolation*  
**Self-Released 2007**

"The Massachusetts based rockers kick into high gear with their independent release displaying fiery rockers and smooth slower tempo tracks. The disc features two female vocalists and a lead guitarist who sings and shreds."

-- Jay Roberts


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**UPLIFT**  
*Nothing Left Behind*  
**Mohawk Recording Group 2006**

"The 8-song disc blew me away with how good it was. The band combines the hard rock sensibility with killer metal guitar riffs and superb vocals. A real find of an album!"

-- Jay Roberts



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**SYMPHONY X**  
*Paradise Lost*  
**Inside Out Music 2007**

"Progressive metallers return with a BANG on their latest (wish I didn't have to wait 5 years for it)."

--George Dionne

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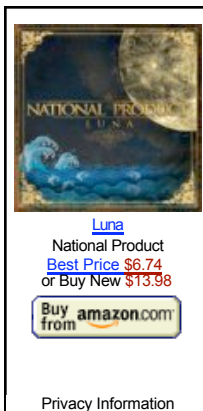


**JOE COCKER**  
*Classic Cocker*  
**EMI / Capitol 2007**

"Blows away previous hits packages with 19 songs and a bonus DVD of videos."

--George Dionne

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**NATIONAL PRODUCT**  
*Luna*  
**R & M Artist Records 2007**

"More of the same pop-rock, emo, screamo (WHATEVER) crap that's flooding the music market."

--George Dionne

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**DEAN MCGINNES**  
*The Journey of Life*  
**Self-Released 2007**

"This journey has its rocking highs and ballad lows, and is narrated by multi-styled guitar mastery."

--George Dionne

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**THE HEDRONS**  
*One More Won't Kill Us*  
**4 West Records 2007**

"Thrashy female punk rock in the vein of The Runaways, but with a raw, no-nonsense delivery."

--George Dionne

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**FAIR TO MIDLAND**  
*Fables from a Mayfly*  
**Universal Republic 2007**

"Unique and phenomenal alternative rock fury from a band I wish I hadn't put off listening to for so long."

--George Dionne

[5 Questions with Fair to Midland](#)

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**DIALIS**  
*S/T (EP)*  
**Self-Released 2006**

"Dark, twisted, and haunting"

--George Dionne

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**FAITH AND FIRE**  
*Accelerator*  
**Self-Released 2006**

"Love the nod to old-school 80s metal, but vocals and production quality is lacking."

--George Dionne

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**LUSCIOUS JACKSON**  
*Greatest Hits*  
**Capitol Records 2007**

"Save your money and download "Naked Eye;" it's the only song you're going to remember."

--George Dionne

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**NEW YEARS DAY**  
*S/T*  
**TVT Records 2006**


"A weak album."

--Derek Carey


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**VIXEN**  
*Live & Learn*



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**Demolition Records 2007**

"No energy, no emotion, no production, no voice, no need for a "reunion."

--George Dionne

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**DOUBLE ECLIPSE**  
*Eloquent Face Down*  
**Thirteen 772 Music 2006**


"The album contains a few catchy parts, but overall is nothing superb."

--Derek Carey

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**FAKE PROBLEMS**  
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**Sabot Productions 2006**

"A joke of an album."


--Derek Carey

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Zandelle  
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**ZANDELLE**  
*Vengeance Rising*  
**LMP Records 2007**


"Though most of the songs have a familiar sound, this is one great power metal album."

--Derek Carey

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**PAIN OF SALVATION**  
*Scar Sick*  
**Inside Out Music 2007**

"A pitiful attempt at an album."

--Derek Carey

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**CAREY OTT**  
*Lucid Dream*  
**Dualtone Records 2006**

"Suitable for upscale bookstores and coffee shops."

--George Dionne

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**THE AGENCY**  
*Turn*  
**Perch Records 2007**

"Same MTV friendly pop-rock that's been shoved down your throat for years."

--George Dionne

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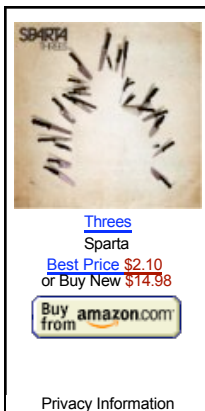


**STEPANIAN**  
*Without the Rain EP*  
**Self-Released 2007**

"Love the vocal melodies, love the pop-rock sound, love the lyrical content...want a full release."

--George Dionne

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**SPARTA**  
*Threes*  
**Hollywood Records 2006**

"Emo garbage!"

--George Dionne

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**ALL THE WAY RIDER**  
**Lahuna**  
**Blue Worm Records 2007**

"Trend-bucking, genre bending, A & R defying rockers keep it real by just plugging in and churning out honest-to-God rock."

--George Dionne

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**COSMO**  
**Alien**  
**Frontiers Records 2006**

"Standard melodic hard rock from the **Orion the Hunter**/Boston alum, but the vocals sound like they are filtered through a P32 space modulator."

--George Dionne

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**THE LOFT**  
**Tombstone Tapes EP**  
**Self-Released 2006**

"These bluesy, southern-style rockers offer up some old and new songs that sound like the Black Crowes with a Hammond organ player."

--George Dionne

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**THE CINEMATICS**  
**Break EP**  
**TVT Records 2006**

"Even though the music is dark and melancholy, it's the sonic and melodic vocals that make you believe there's a light at the end of the tunnel."



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--George Dionne

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**THE BULLYS**  
*BQE Overdrive*  
**Public Relations 2006**


"This album has a few catchy melodies but nothing more."

--Derek Carey

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**THE AMERICAN BLACK LUNG**  
*...And They Rode Their Weapons Into War*  
**Burning House Records 2006**

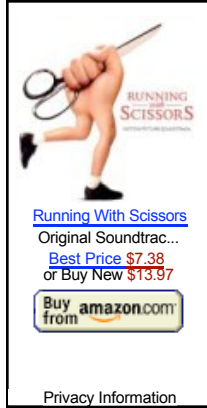
"Probably some of the most boring 'music' I have ever heard."

--Derek Carey

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**VARIOUS ARTISTS**



**Running with Scissors Soundtrack**  
**EMI Records 2006**

"The 1970's soundtrack mix brings only a few decent songs to the table for a movie that looked so bad in the trailer I would never want to watch it in the first place."

--Jay Roberts

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**FALLEN SLEEPLESS**  
**In Seething Dreams**  
**Self-Released 2006**

"The album has decent guitar riffs and o.k. singing/screaming, but every song has about the same mentality."

--Derek Carey

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