

THESE ARE POWERS



L-R: Pat Noecker, Anna Barie, Ted McGrath



Photos by Sarah Wilmer

These Are Powers forge future-primitive songs from inspiration such as dreams, spiritual mysticism, art movements like Der Blaue Reiter, globalization, supernatural phenomena, and the prophecies of a UFO-obsessed cab driver. These influences constitute a transcendent and visceral sound the Brooklyn trio has christened **Ghost-Punk**.

The unconventionality of the band also rules their process. Drummer **Ted McGrath** eschews a traditional high-hat setup in order to take full advantage of a limited kit, creating inventive percussive patterns. Likewise, bassist/vocalist **Pat Noecker** (Liars, n0 things) and guitarist/vocalist **Anna Barie** (Knife Skills) achieve uniquely deconstructive tones via prepared guitar and experimentation.

These Are Powers' live performances resound in both volume and pure emotional intensity, as songs sway from meditative hymns to resonant dirges, audience and band share equally in the awakening.

Shortly after forming in September 2006, These Are Powers self-released a demo cassette to favorable review, including an entry on The New Afternoon Show **Top 89.1 of 2006** for college radio station **WNYU**.

The band has performed in NYC and along the East Coast with such notable acts as The Fall, Chinese Stars, An Albatross, Aa (Big A Little A), The Boggs, Dirty Projectors, High Places, Neptune, White Mice, and Ex Models.

In May/June of 2007, These Are Powers will tour the U.S. in support of their "Silver Lung"/ "Funeral Xylophone" 7" release on **Elsie & Jack Recordings**. A music video by the band for the song "Silver Lung" is available online.

PRESS

"...features ex-members of Liars and Knife Skills. Fans of Liars' dark and electronically enhanced tribal noise will wanna cram their earholes with this female-vocalizing trio's spooky industrial landscapes--fittingly, they call it "ghost-punk". --The Village Voice

"Anna Barie (x Knife Skills), Ted McGrath, Pat Noecker (x Liars) tear it up in pounding, dark, sort of demented Silver Apples-sounding songs. These Are Powers are self-described purveyors of "Ghost-Punk," haunting crazed male and female vocals and reverb drenched guitar distortion over fractured bass and drum rumbles. Really, really good." --Todd P NYC

"These Are Powers features former members of Liars and Knife Skills, and we're not gonna front: they're waaaay too heavy for our precious ears."--The L Magazine

DISCOGRAPHY

- 2007 "Silver Lung" / "Funeral Xylophone" 7" Record, Elsie & Jack Recordings
- 2006 These Are Powers S/T CD-R
- 2006 These Are Powers S/T Limited Edition Cassette

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