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@dventures In The Shadows (CRS CECD 81)

Debut album by **The Space Age Travellers**

The Space Age Travellers perform all original material on this album written by songwriter/guitarist BJ Baartmans inspired by the sounds of guitar greats that rose to fame in the Space Age like Ry Cooder, Richard Thompson, Marc Ribot, Bill Frisell or Jeff Beck and their heroes and predecessors like Wes Montgomery, Charlie Christian, Django Rheinhardt, Cliff Gallup, Duane Eddy, Dick Dale, The Shadows, The Ventures, James Burton, Jimmy Bryant...

It's a celebration! Happening grooves, romantic tunes, intriguing soundscapes and flashy picking at breakneck speed. Music for lovers and freaks. A perfect soundtrack for some adventurous time travelling. Recorded almost entirely "live in the studio" in less than two days at Studio Wild Verband, Boxmeer.

The Space Age Travellers :

BJ Baartmans on guitar, Sjoerd van Bommel on drums and Gerco Aerts on bass. Three musicians with a solid reputation in The Netherlands and elsewhere not only as fine seasoned session players but just as well as original artists. They have backed up artists like Iain Matthews, Oh Susanna, Amy Speace, Levi Parham, David Corley and Carter Sampson all over Europe and performed with many of the finest Dutch roots and jazz artists. And in the meantime they kept their own songwriting and performing skills vibrant.

Adventures In The Shadows is the first album in this trio line up. The project started when BJ Baartmans was writing and recording two online guitar courses for the American based TrueFire company about typical fifties and sixties guitar styles: "Slapback Billy & Twang" and "Space Age Rock & Roll" and got so excited and inspired he ended up writing a whole new repertoire of what sounds like classic surf rockabilly and jazz guitar instrumentals. As if his whole career of 35 years as a fulltime musician came back full circle and launched him into a bright new future. With two of his best buddies in a cool great little band.

So here's the record! hope you like it as much as we do!

have a quick listen to the album here:

<https://continentalrecordservices.bandcamp.com/album/adventures-in-the-shadows>

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<https://spaces.hightail.com/receive/Rh1X4jre1R>

check out our YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEcSFDhIpTEJJ9nojwU5PHw?view_as=subscriber

find out more about the band, BJ's personal career as a singer songwriter/producer and his fine collection of guitars, amps and such on:

www.bjbaartmans.nl

BJ's TrueFire page:

<http://www.bjbaartmans.nl/guitar-workshops/>

Continental Record Services: www.continental.nl

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