



Cryptomnesia

Cat. No. // TFS015
Format // CD and MP3
Sleeve // Jewel Case
Available in stores // 1.10.06
Wholesale Price // \$US 5.00
Retail Price // \$US 10.00

Performance Highlights

06.05 Estrogen Fest
at the Store Front Theater

03.04 at the Metro
w/ Catfish Haven and 40 Piece Choir

06.25.04 Summer on Southport
w/ Kelly Hogan, Andrew Bird

Press Quotes

"Saraiya definitely set her band apart with her sexy sultry vocals."
—Jim DeRogatis, Chicago Sun-Times

"While unleashing her most elemental roar or during her perfectly pitched seamless climbs and plunges...the audience was captivated by her voice."
—Scarlet, Sprawling Din

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I can never decide whether or not Radiant Darling's songs are sad or not. If so, it is a living sadness, vibrant, flushed with heart-stuff and anger and hopefulness. Recorded in dining rooms and mixed in bedrooms Cryptomnesia is a collection of half-heard stories, ghost myths and magical realism. The songs hang on a delicate thread wove through scratch jazz, Americana, trip-hop, eastern Indian modalities and chamber pop. When songwriter Ami Saraiya whispers sweetly over Ben Gray's careful brushwork it is a casual loveliness. When she chokes and howls atop a frantic Gray backbeat it is a perfect fury.

The band began to take shape in the winter of 2002 when Saraiya met and began collaborating with guitarist and programmer Scott Blackburn. They soon added percussionist Ben Gray and violinist Savoir Faire, later bringing upright/electric bassist Marc Piane into the mix. This group has performed through-out Chicago, playing the Metro, Fitzgerald's, the Empty Bottle, Martyrs, the Subterranean, the Beat Kitchen and more.

The current line up has changed a bit, but is as quietly fiery as ever, now featuring Saraiya, Gray, and new member guitarist and songwriter Casey Meehan. Meehan's own tunes, steeped in swamp rock and dixieland dirge make a perfect compliment to Saraiya's genre bending torch, folk, pop songs.

Radiant Darling's full length debut Cryptomnesia, released on Tense Forms on November 1st, 2005, features the lush artwork of Nathan Poetzsch. It is a remarkable document of submerged memories of events forgotten, of country lullabies and circus organs, elephants and bird calls, furiousness and remorse.