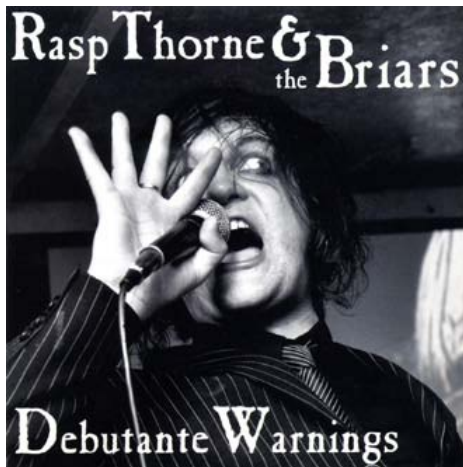


PRESS RELEASE



Rasp Thorne & the Briars Release Debut EP 'Debutante Warnings' On 18th April 2011

Artist: RASP THORNE & THE BRIARS
Title: Debutante Warnings
Release Date: 18th April 2011
Track Titles: 1. Operator Taunt 2. Pornstar/ Shotgun
3. Cruella DeVille 4. Debutante Warnings
5. 15 Dead Stallions 6. Dystopian Wonders
Label: Chagrin Records
distributed by Genepool via Universal
Format: Digital download

'Debutante Warnings' is an unruly mixture of carnival dirges, gothic country and punk from Montana-born performance artist, poet and musician **Rasp Thorne** and his band **the Briars**.

Formed at the tail end of 2008 when Thorne and **Duncan DeMorgan** (bass) met by chance at a G.G Elvis gig, **Rasp Thorne & the Briars** really started taking shape when **Pete Moriarty** showed up with his upside down left handed electric guitar and was completed by **Hugh Zog** (Lapsteel) and **Joni Deehan** on drums.

Songs of cryptic crocodiles, shotgun-sucking porn stars and dystopian wax cults began to form and Rasp Thorne & the Briars unleashed their mix of suave crooning, chaotic punk and transgressive love laments onto London's flamboyant club scene. Nights such as **Gypsy Hotel**, **Torture Garden** and **Stranger Than Paradise** embraced the band's decadently deranged live performances and the band successfully curated their own night at Shunt amidst the structure of the theatrical show 'Money'.

With strong connections to the theatre and performance art world, Rasp Thorne & the Briars were commissioned to write the music and perform in the run of Carnesky Productions' '**Dystopian Wonders**' a live-art theatre and circus show at **The Roundhouse** (Camden) which went on to tour to **The Lowry** (Manchester) and **The Crucible** (Sheffield).

Rasp Thorne & the Briars are currently working on their debut album scheduled for release in Autumn 2011. Their debut EP '**Debutante Warnings**' is available for download on 18th April 2011 on Chagrin Records and the band will be performing live as follows:

8th April 2011 Ryan's Bar, Stoke Newington, London
9th April 2011 Stranger Than Paradise, London
22nd April 2011 Venue TBC, Brighton with Kid Congo (details to follow)
5th May 2011 The Komedia, Brighton with The Urban Voodoo Machine

More live dates to be announced

- * Rasp Thorne is available for interview
- * Online EPK and full biog available on request
- * Review copies of 'Debutante Warnings' available on request
- * High res photography available
- * Official website: <http://www.myspace.com/raspthorneandthebriars>