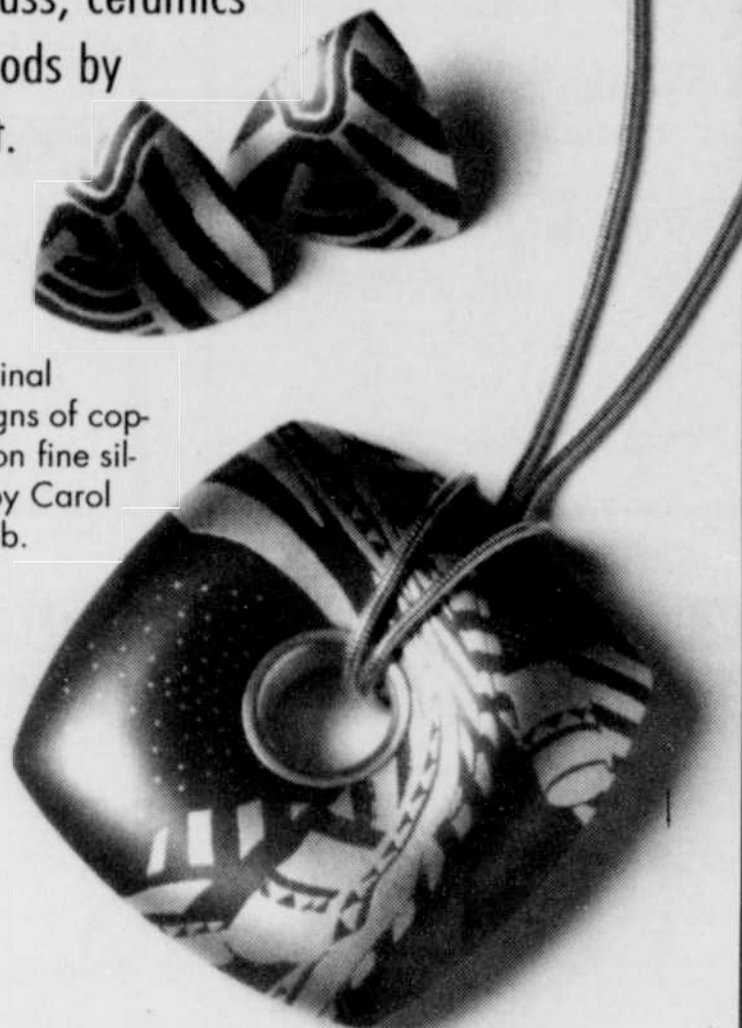


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TONGUE IN GROOVE

MICHAEL CALLEN

Legacy • Significant Other

Callen's multifaceted persona shines through in this latest release from Significant Other Records. A staunch advocate for AIDS research and PWAs (a term he coined), the late activist's fame as a member of the singing group Flirtations goes beyond his politics. These songs reflect aspects of his life with stark honesty and serious-

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ness, yet are full to the brim with his playfulness and lust for life. It is an appropriate celebration of his legacy to our community.

Produced in collaboration with musicians such as Holly Near, Cris Williamson, Tret Fure, Fred Hersch and the Flirtations, this beautifully adorned two-CD set features renditions of Callen's own original compositions, as well as works by Peter Allen, Leonard Bernstein and Henry Mancini. The CD booklet reprints words of remembrance by several of his close friends.

VARIOUS ARTISTS

Women's Work • Putumayo World Music

This compilation benefits GROOTS, an international network of grass-roots women's organizations. It features such luminary musicians as Ani DiFranco, Catie Curtis, Toni Childs, Toshi Reagon and Ferron. A veritable cornucopia of folk, pop, blues and ballads.

Putumayo has released several other benefit CDs that may fit your taste or philanthropic whims. All organizations that benefit seem cool, so check out their catalog (you can probably request one by writing 'em at 627 Broadway, New York, NY 10012). Or

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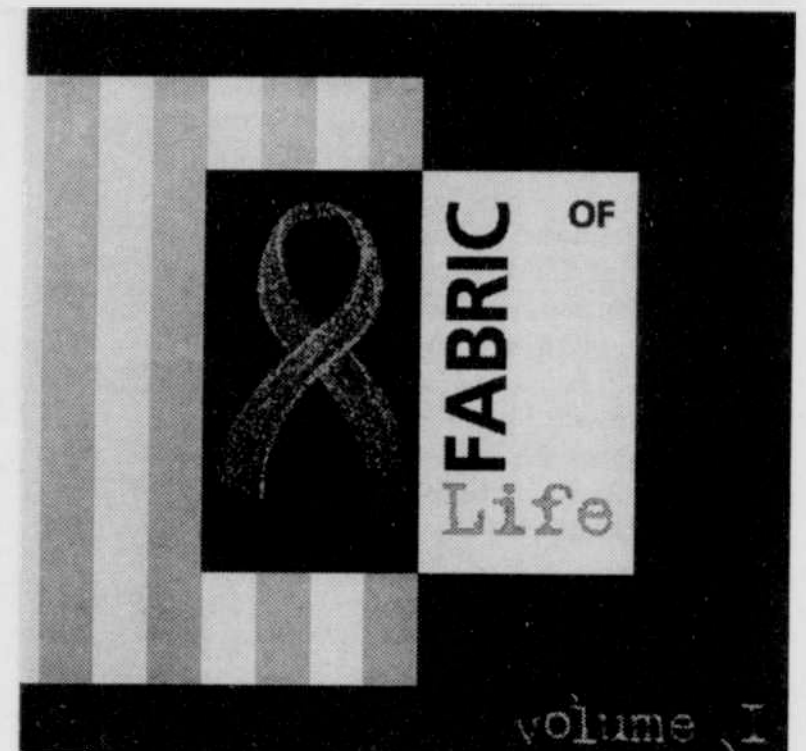
Fabric of Life Vol. 1 • MAH Records

Ah, yes, a CD for those Portland-centric days. Locally produced, this CD naturally features local artists and bands such as Quarterflash, Calobo, Craig Carothers, Michael Allen Harrison and a collaboration between Thomas Lauderdale (isn't his towel ad just *fab*?!) and Gus Van Sant. Proceeds benefit the Fabric of Life Foundation, whose annual benefit is a celebration of life and a wish to help men and women in Oregon living with AIDS.

SHEEP ON DRUGS

Double Trouble • Invisible Records

Sometimes timing is not essential. In the case of this review, timing was everything. That dreary day after the elections, I faced the most unappealing task of filing taxes for the beloved



organization that helps support my bad habits (CDs, caffeine and chocolate). Unfortunately, this all-important duty became even less palatable once I heard Sheep on Drugs playing its hypnotic cacophony of drum machine/synthesizer-inspired concoctions. For those of you into the Nine Inch Nails type of stuff, you need to know that Trent Reznor is not the pioneer of the industrial/sampled/bizarre style: SOD predates NIN. The big difference is that SOD tends to be a wee bit more politically inspired than NIN, adding a definite bite to its already ear-gnawing style. Mary's little lamb this certainly isn't.

BUTTER 08

Butter 08 • Grand Royal

Forget margarine, try some real phat—Butter 08, that is. The main reason that I so wanted this CD is the fact that the Cibo Matto duo, Yuka Honda and Miho Hatori, are both in Butter 08. This time, they don't get fixated on oral consumption but instead serve up a hefty menu of funk, punk and jazz grooves. Certainly a departure from their borderline pop/dance/acid-tripped beginnings, Yuka and Miho's collaboration with highly experimental musicians Rick Lee, Mike Mills and Russell Simins has resulted in a CD oozing with flavor and dripping with slick sound explosions.

Reviewed by Rachel Ebor, who has successfully transitioned to being one without hair. Questions and requests for band coverage? E-mail her directly at eborachel@aol.com

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