

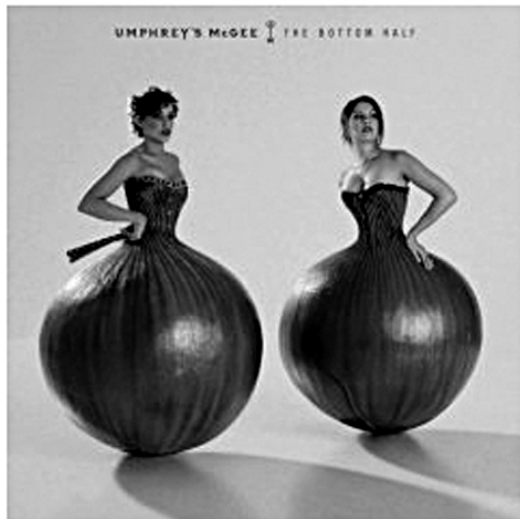
SYNTHESIS

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UMPHREY'S MCGEE: The Bottom Half

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UMPHREY'S MCGEE

The Bottom Half

HANGING BRAINS

Funky beats and dynamic changes make *The Bottom Half* a sonic wonderland. It seems as if they've gone out of their way to shake every song up, changing tempo and instruments frenetically. The music swings wildly from mellow grooves to ambitions and technical pieces. The results are impressive, although it makes each song seem a bit patched-together in the studio. There is no shortage of guitar fills and songwriting ability. But at times it seems as if the technicality and variation are being done for their own sake, rather than to craft a better song. This album is a smorgasbord of weird and eclectic sounds that won't disappoint.

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