



Plumerai was formed in 2005 in Boston by brothers Martin Newman (guitars, keyboards) & James Newman (bass, originally drums). They were quickly signed by start-up label Get Nice Records, which released their first self-titled CD. After personnel changes including the addition of Elizabeth Ezell, the band signed to Silber Records & released the EP res cogitans followed by a brief tour & then the full-length Without Number followed by more tours, several compilations, & minor releases. Today with a new line-up the band continues to record & release music & present to the world, the long awaited new album Your Guilty Prize.

For Your Guilty Prize, Plumerai left their usual home studio & began tracking in the former Masonic Temple turned recording studio, 1867 Recording Studio in Chelsea, MA. In two sessions Plumerai locked down the basic tracks for the album & brought the recordings to their home studio (Darushka-4) for overdubs & embellishments. The album was mixed at Roost Frequency in Raleigh, NC by Wes Gillespie & then mastered at New Alliance in Cambridge, MA. The result is by far the best sounding recording Plumerai has done & the most accurate representation of what they sound like live. Musically, it's a logical extension of their previous releases. The addition of new member Ben Dicke's flamboyant drumming allows the songs to breathe like a live recording instead of the metronomic drums so prevalent on many modern records. Like previous releases, it's a journey from post-punk to shoegaze, but then goes into the warped jazzy rock of title track "Your Guilty Prize" & more psychedelic experimentation with "Painted Faces", "When You Come Around", & "Vacant Eyes II". It's all brought together by the sultry & soulful singing of Elizabeth Ezell. Once again she croons out to the listeners with the voice of a lost breaking heart somewhere between Patti Smith, Cat Power, & Beth Gibbons. Sit back for an emotional journey of heartbreak & triumph.



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