



Plumerai is an alternative band from Boston, MA formed in 2005 by brothers Martin & James Newman. They released several titles under Silber Records & Darushka-4, as well as a split 7" on Claire Records. With long time members Elizabeth Ezell (vocals) & Ben Dicke (drums) the Newmans released 2011's *Your Guilty Prize*. However, shortly after the album's release, Ezell left the band for California.

In a stroke of luck, the Newmans met & recruited vocalist Eliza Brown who had recently moved to Boston from Paris. They immediately began working on a collection of new songs to showcase the strengths of Eliza's more melodic & sometimes jazzy take on Plumerai's post-punk/shoegaze influenced music. With a handful of songs, they entered the former Masonic Temple turned recording studio (1867 Recording Studio) & began working on a follow-up EP to introduce not just Eliza's voice, but Plumerai's new direction. The shimmering guitars & post-punk bass lines are accented by new drummer Mickey Vershbow & combined, they make for the perfect soundscape to back up Eliza's jazzy & melodic voice.

The opening track "Marco Polo" is indie pop at its finest, playful & upbeat with verbed out guitar – the popiest song Plumerai has written since "Linear" (off their 2006 EP on Silber Records *res cogitans*). "Trip" is a nostalgic & whimsical track that is equal parts The Cure & Devotchka. "Mortality" is more familiar territory for Plumerai – moody & dreamy with effected guitars that builds to a turbulent climax before falling back into serenity. "Loss" crashes in with drummer Mickey Vershbow's tribal beat & builds with acoustic guitar until the driving bass kicks in & Eliza sings a poem written by her father. The diverse collection of songs on *Marco Polo* showcases many facets of Plumerai's new direction & sound & is a good hint at what they have in store for their upcoming full-length.



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