

THE FREAK ACCIDENT

Guitarist/ Vocalist Ralph Spight has spent over twenty years traversing the world playing a tight brew of kinetic punk with his band Victims Family and it's offshoots Saturn's Flea Collar and Hellworms . The Northern California trio put out numerous albums (six on the Alternative Tentacles label) and toured repeatedly through the US and Europe and garnered a rabid cult following worldwide.

Following the most recent disbanding of Victims Family, Ralph put together a record with an eclectic bunch of Bay Area musicians which became the basis for "The Freak Accident" (Alternative Tentacles Records, 2004), a stylistic rollercoaster ride through punk, pop, latin surf, blues, piano ballads and more. Assembling a live band for this material proved difficult but the live shows began to include freakish improvisational deconstructions of the albums diverse tracks and the band toured the Northwestern United States and played Alternative Tentacles 2006 South by Southwest showcase to an enthusiastic response. Parting ways with several members of the group Ralph and drummer Mike Branum (Hell's Kitchen, Capitol Punishment) pressed on recruiting their old Plainfield teammate Kimo Ball to do hold down bass duties and returned to Ralph's more noisy math punk direction.

The resulting sophomore effort "Tissue Sample" (out September 6th, 2007, on their own new Nerve Center Recordings label) is a tight sinewy set of eleven new brash, satirical rock songs that take on heavyweight topics such as, the teaching of evolution (we're for it), torture (we're against it), suicide, cross-dressing, hero worship, consumerism, human cloning, unrequited love, religious fanaticism and the relative merits of various poisonous substances. Musically the band is tight as a drum with giant grooves, a crushing bass tone and moments ranging from raging hardcore to shimmering beauty to garagey blues.

The band finished 2006 with five dates across Northern California with Canadian legends No Means No. with whom they will share the stage in Europe in September/ October 2007. "Tissue Sample" is available on CD direct from thefreakaccident.com, [CD Baby. Com](http://CDBaby.com) and in fine stores everywhere. The album is distributed in Europe through De Konkurrent, and is available on vinyl through gatetohell.net.

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